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HIS collection of songs, which is believed to be somewhat novel in form and purpose, originated in the thought that many of the poems in *St. Nicholas* merited a musical setting. With this in mind, original contributions were invited from various American and English composers, and from their responses the following one hundred and twelve songs were chosen. A greater variety of treatment and of subject was secured by including more than one setting of several texts, together with a few lyrics not found in *St. Nicholas*.

The collection is especially intended for home use. Both words and music are thought to be adapted to the tastes of young people and of those who are associated with them. Sentimental and pathetic themes are generally omitted, while the naïve and humorous fancies of childhood are extensively represented. Many lullabies and mothers' songs are also included. The music is meant to be truly interpretative of the words, and is designedly of various degrees of difficulty. It is hoped not only that these St. Nicholas Songs will give ever fresh delight to the households that welcome *St. Nicholas*, but that they will afford to all who use them a genuine musical and poetic culture. To this end a somewhat advanced standard of excellence has been sought.

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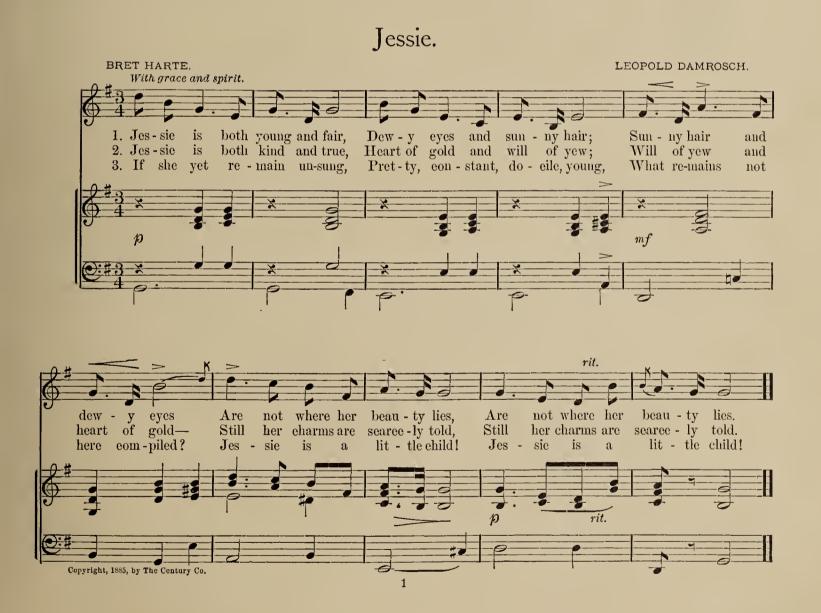
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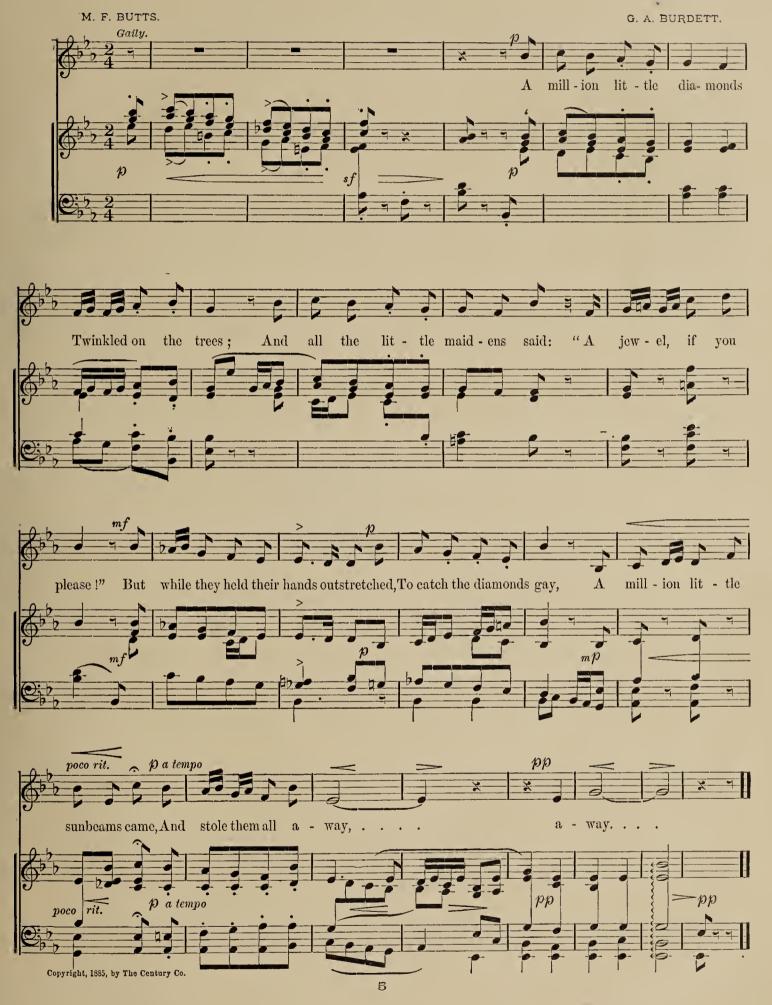


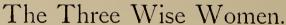


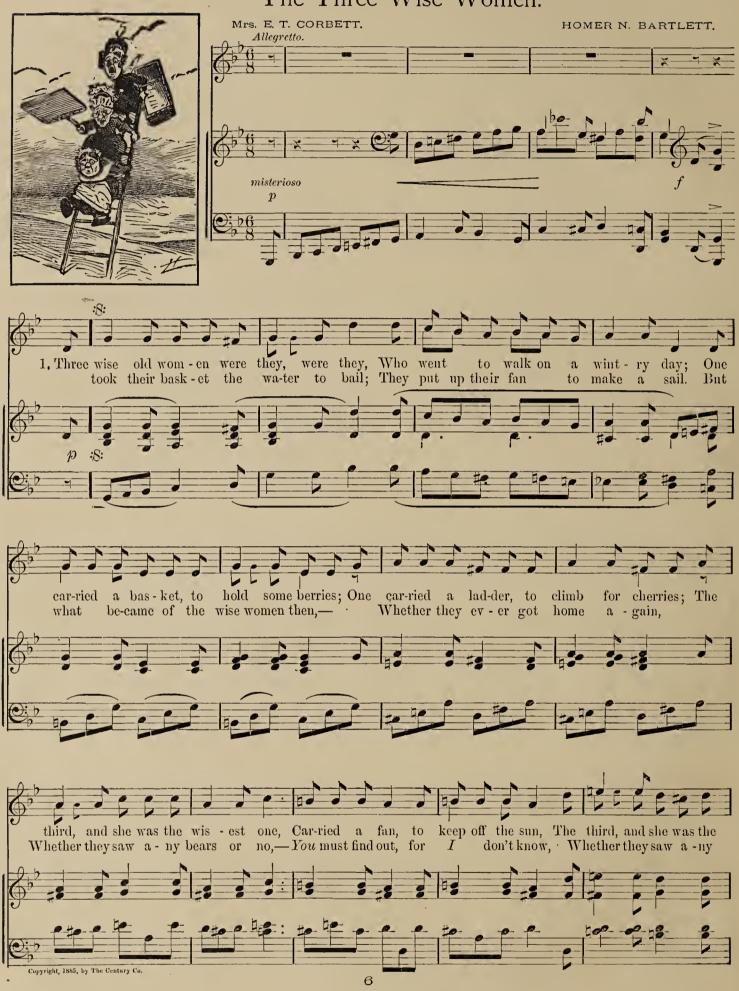
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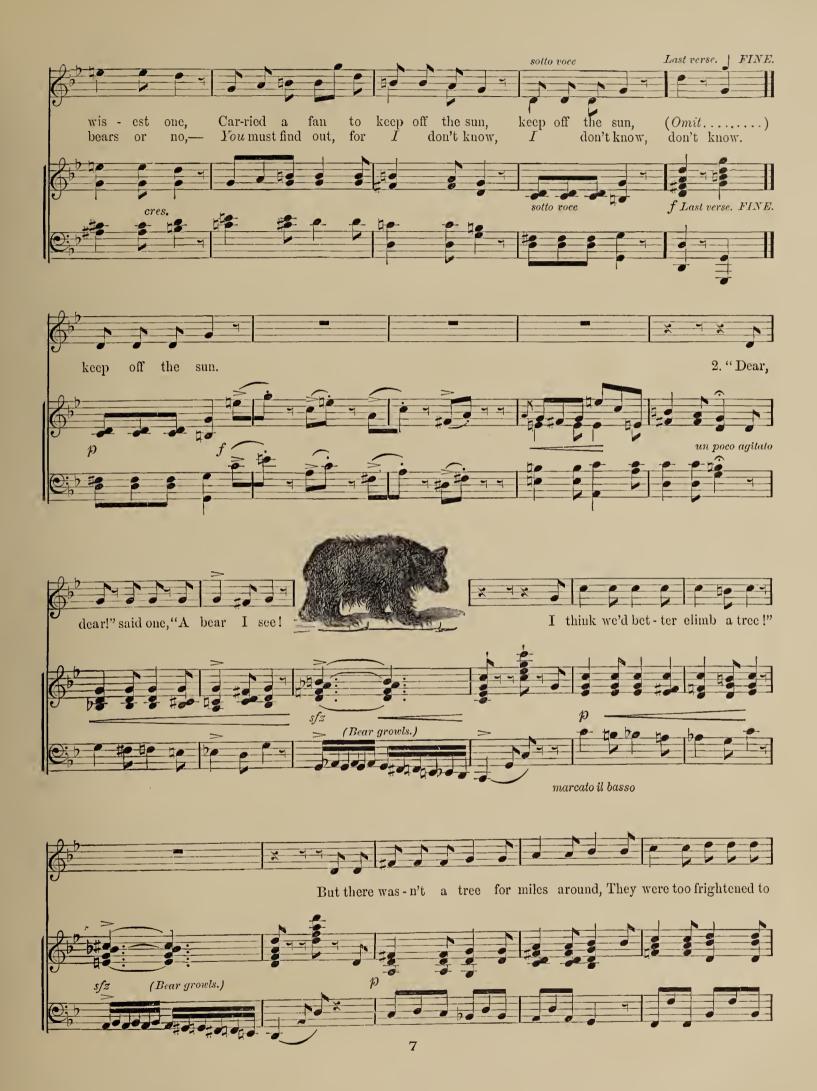


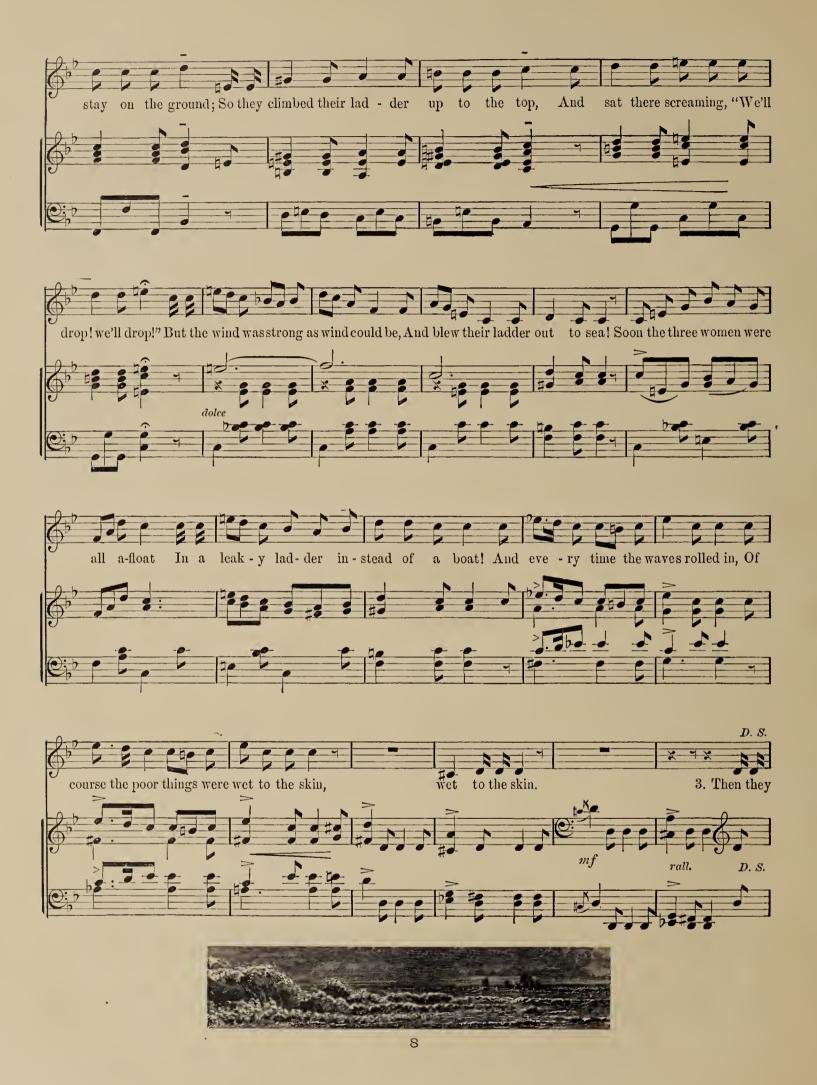
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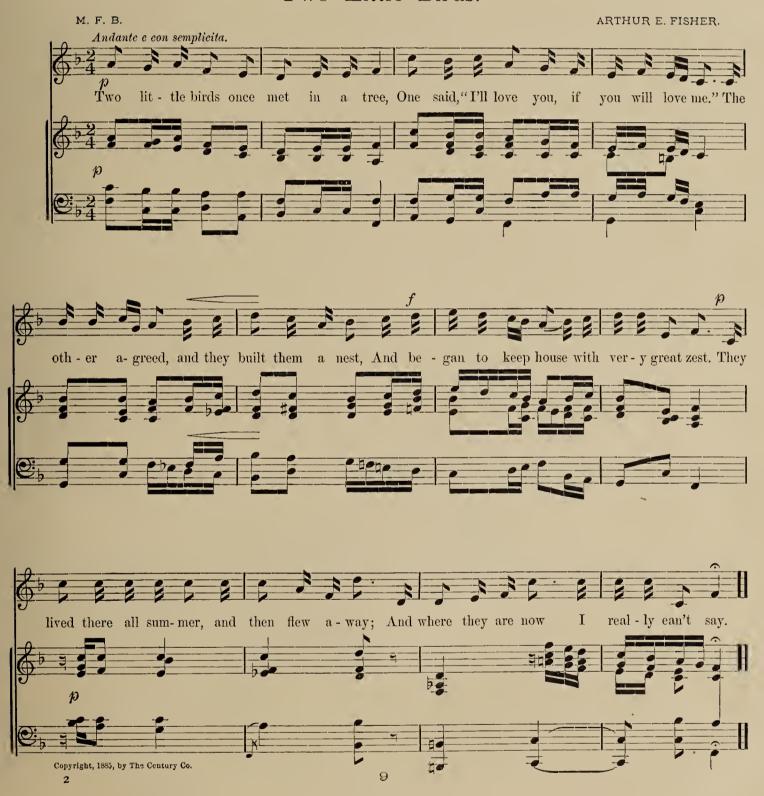








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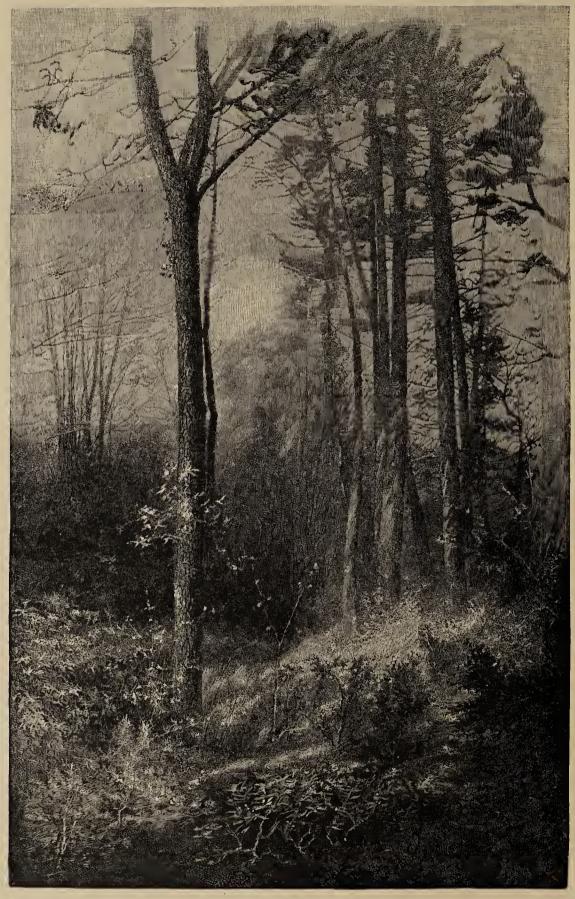








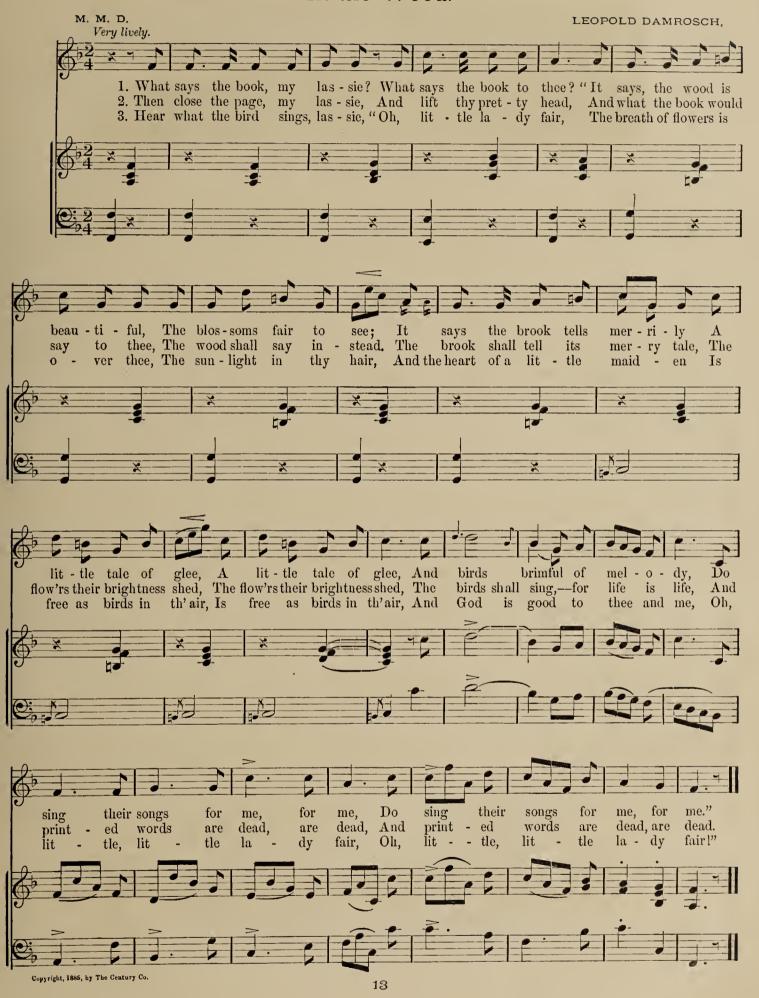




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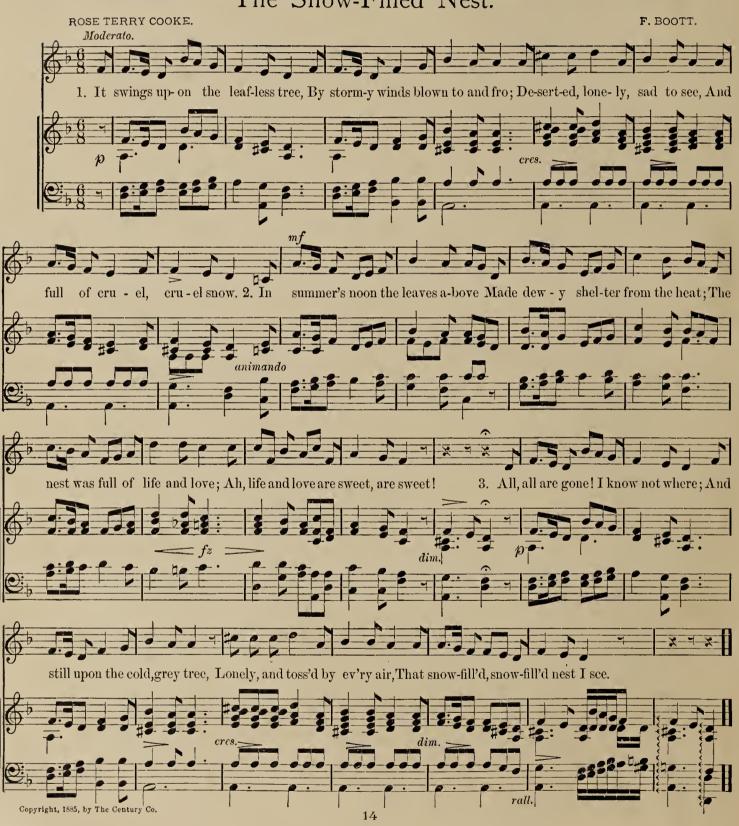
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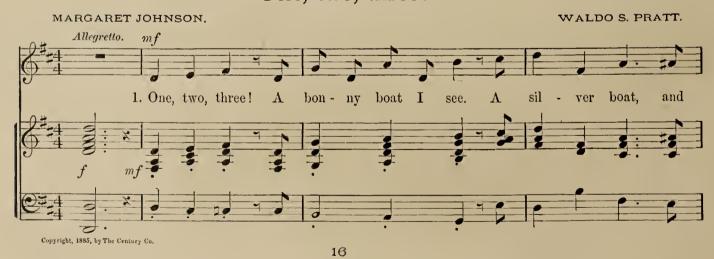
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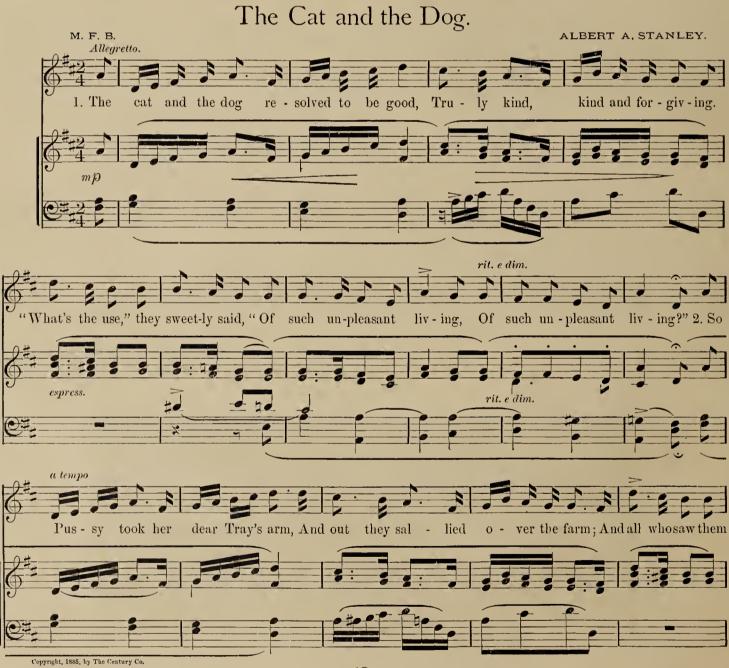


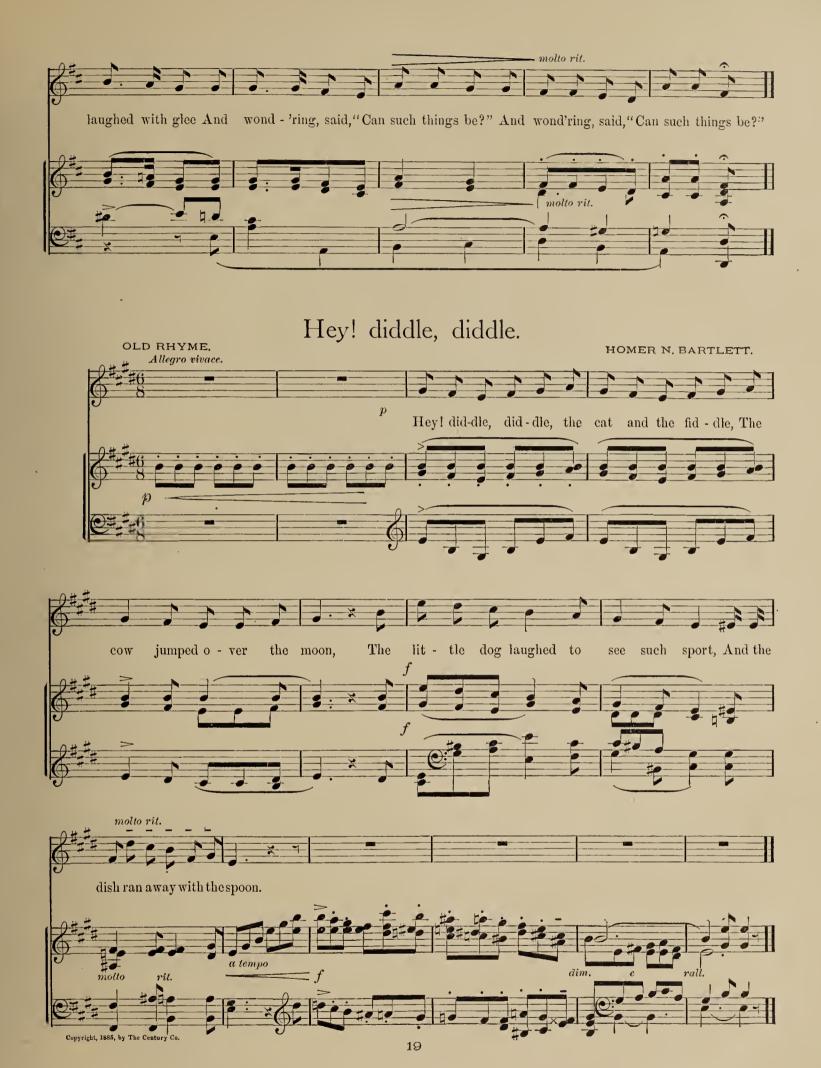
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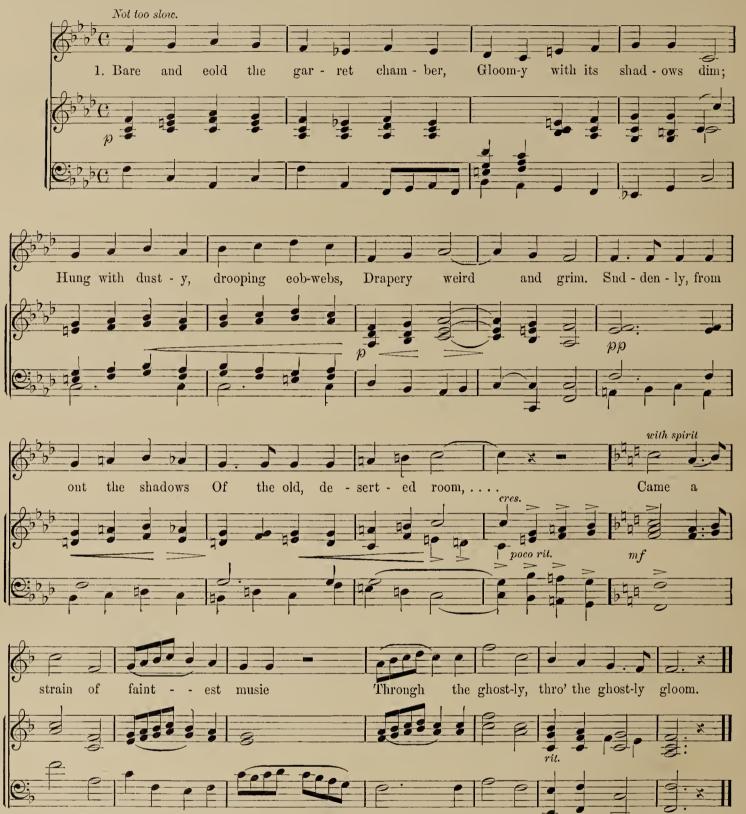










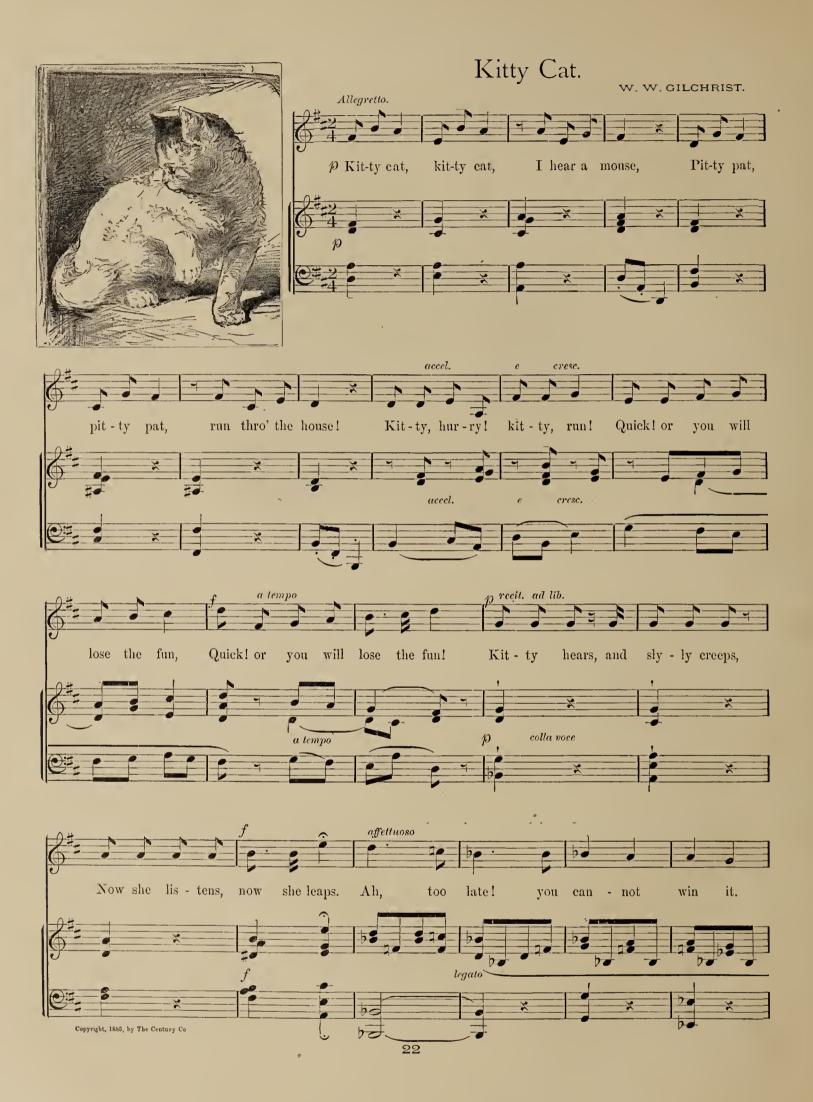


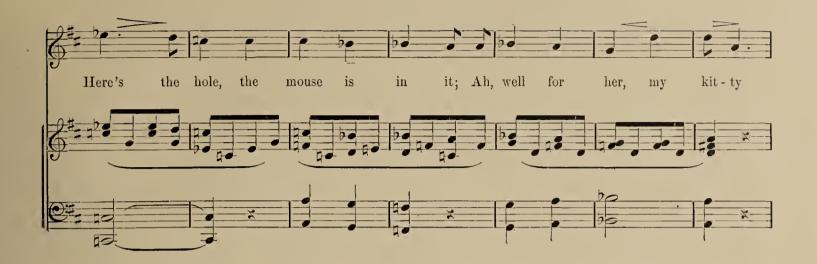
- 2 While the night grew still to listen, Soft and slow the music sighed,
- And, in melting, minor measures, Into silence died. Say, what skillful, rapt musician,
- In the lonely room apart, Thus made glad the sombre midnight With his wondrons art?
- In the clonds that cross'd her way, [den
- In the misty garret-window
- Shot a slender ray,-
- Glaneed npon an ancient spinet,
  O'er whose keys, with dust defiled,
- Ran the eager, dainty fingers Of a little child!
- 3 From the moon, now bright, now hid- 4 Boy, in after years the master Of all mighty harmonies,
  - With a more than ehildish rapture In thy lifted eyes,-

  - Surely, in the garret chamber,
    Dim with shadowy mystery,
    While the world slept in the midnight, Angels talked with thee!



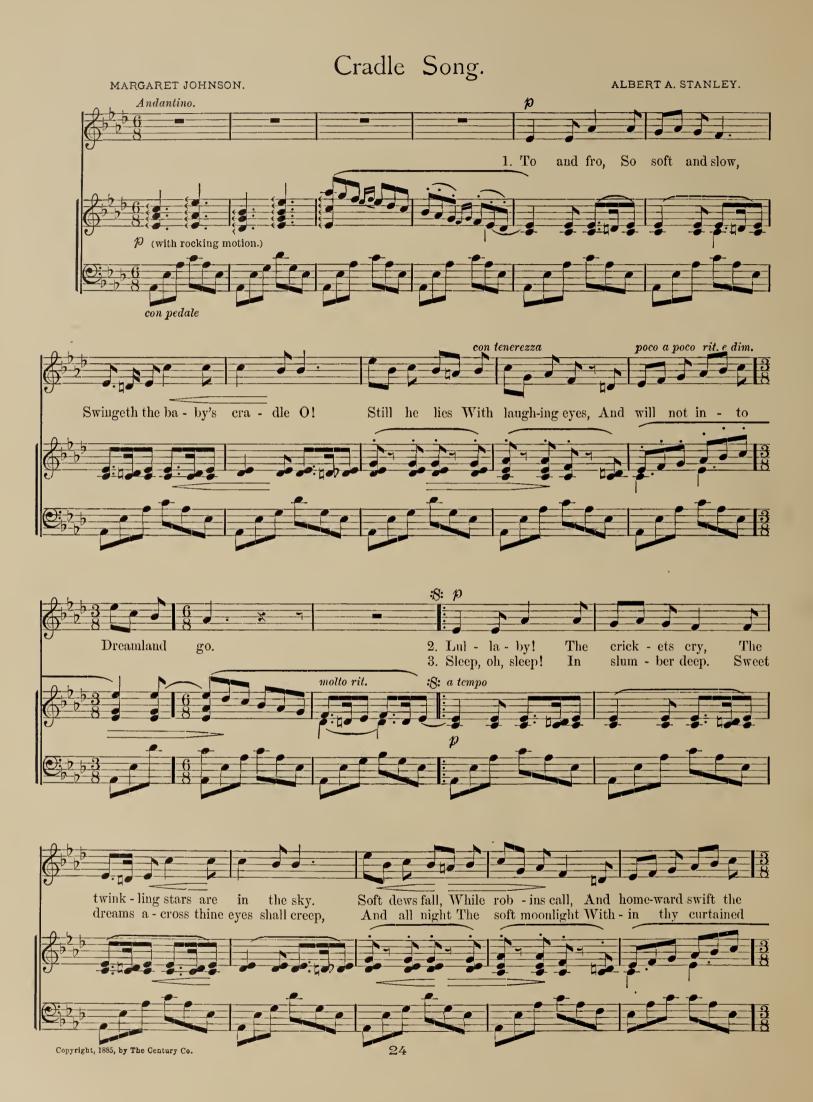








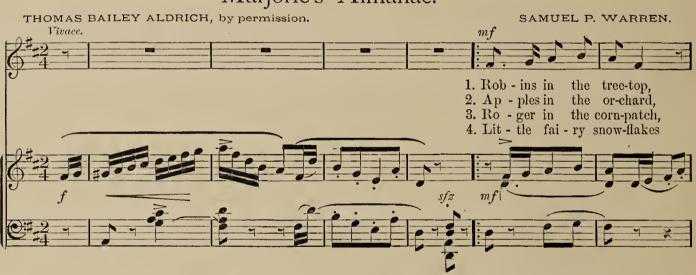


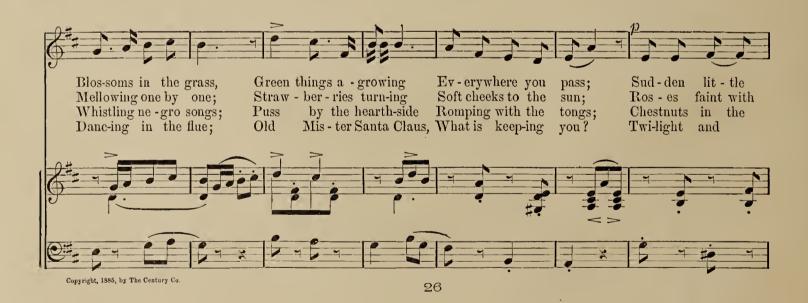


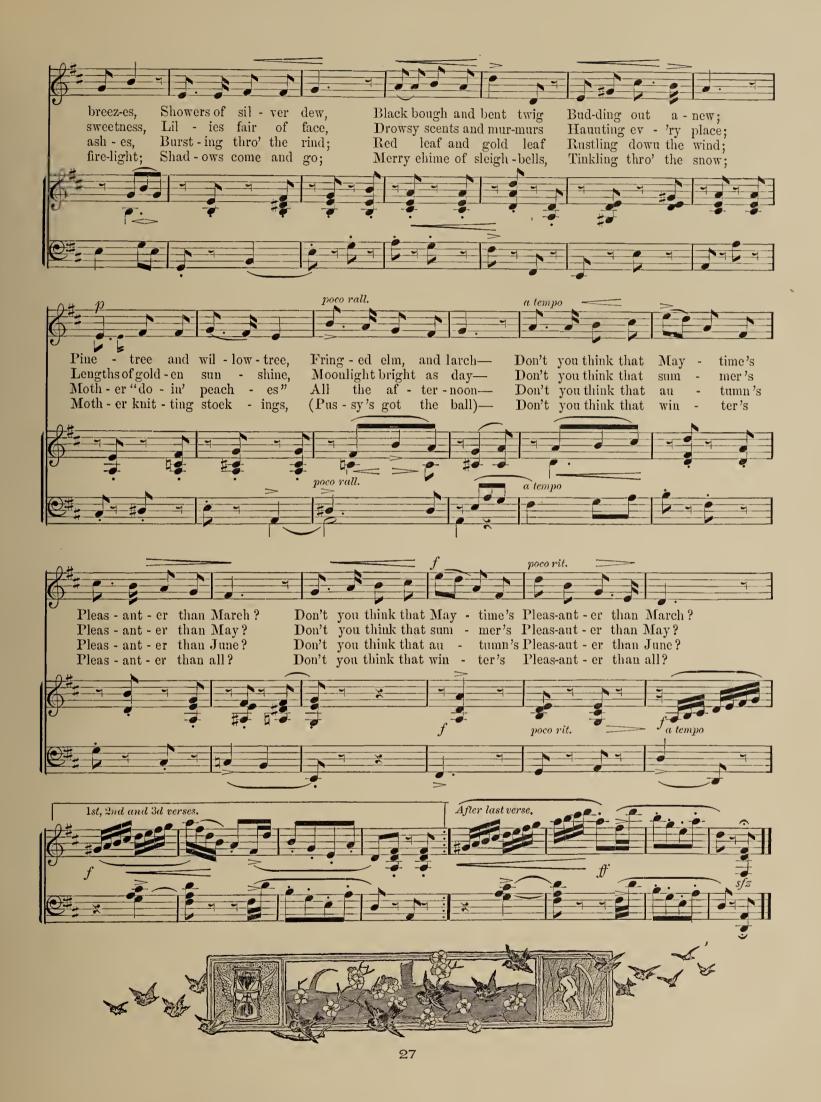




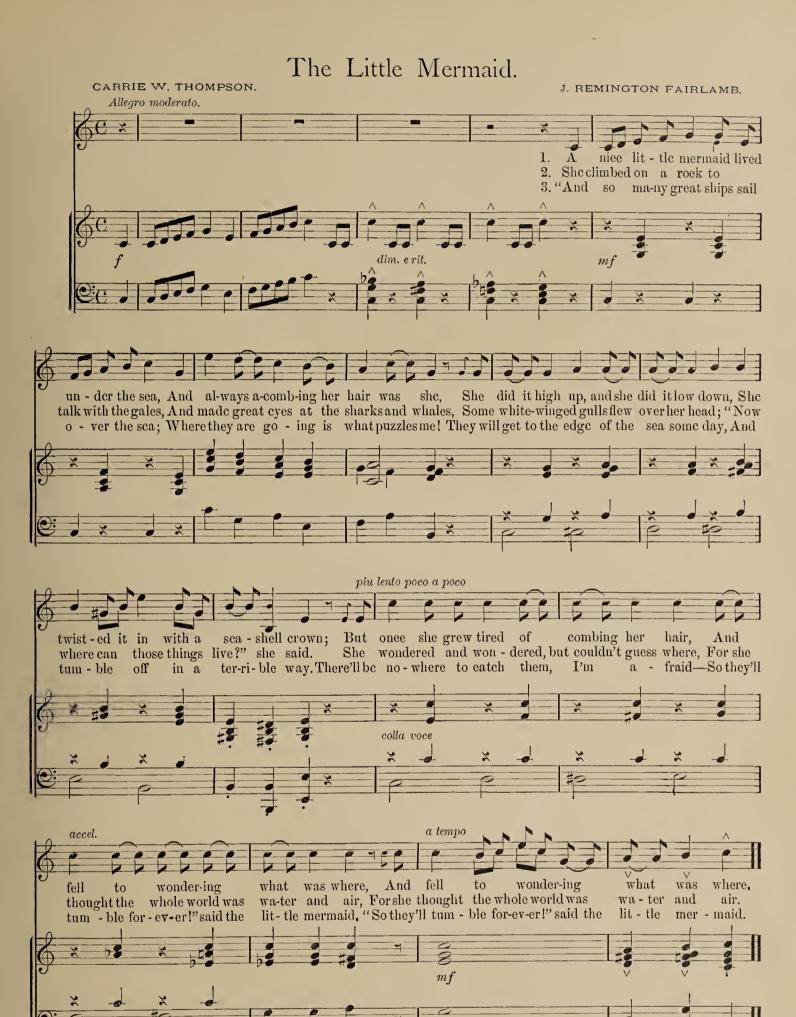
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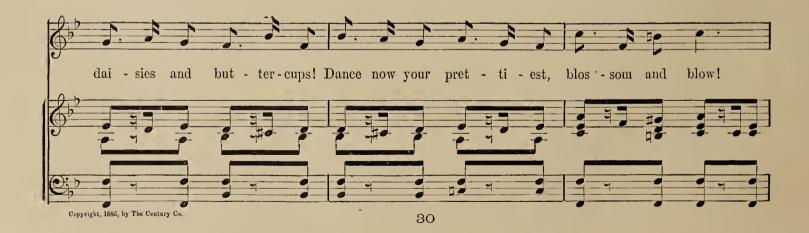


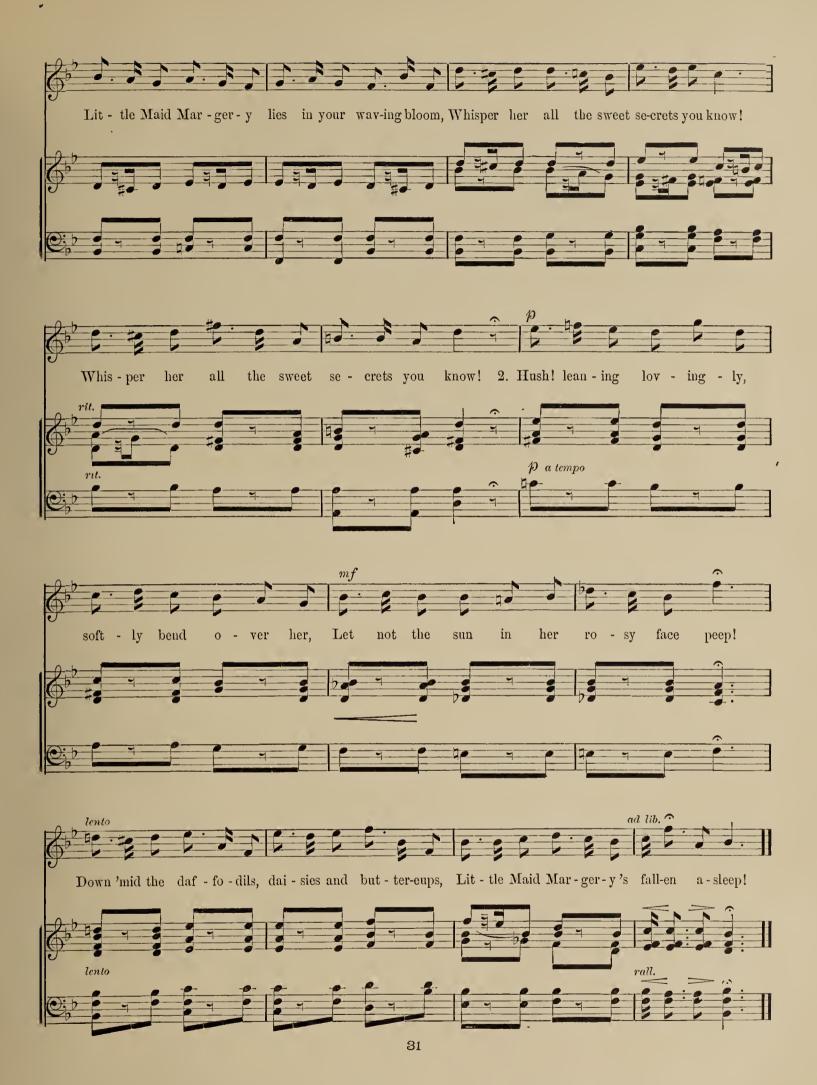


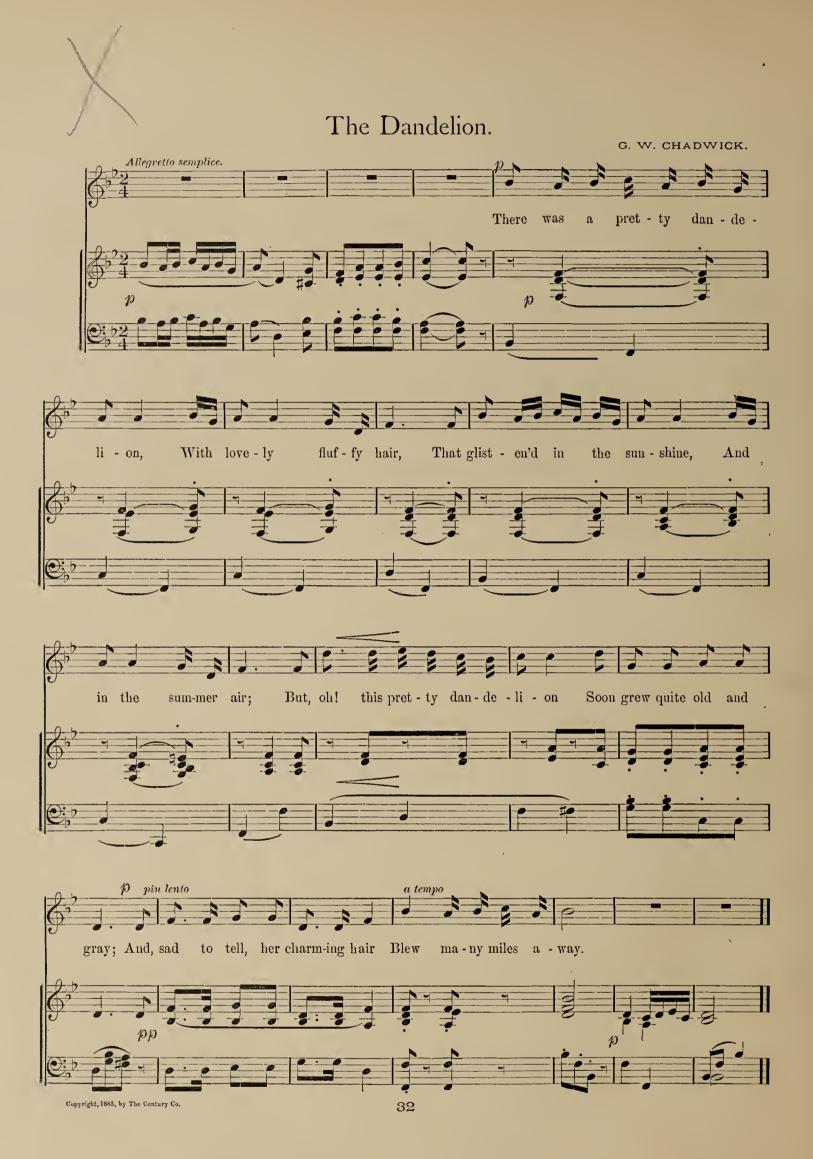






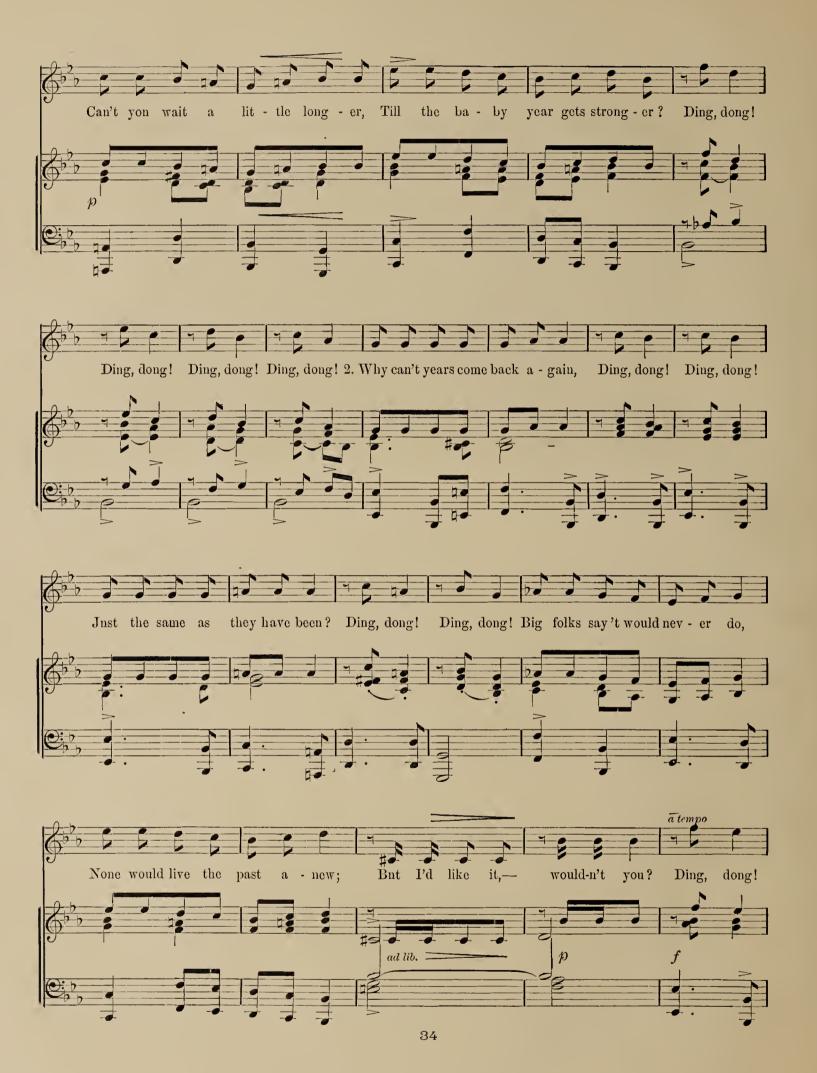












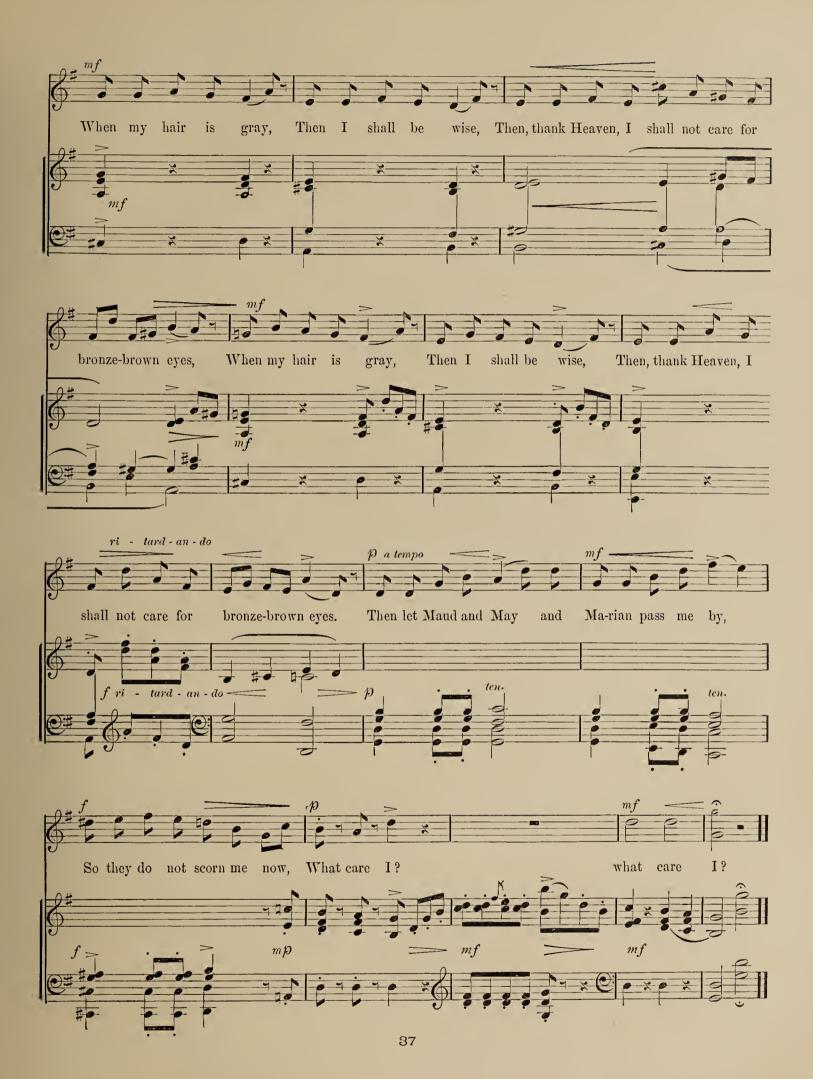






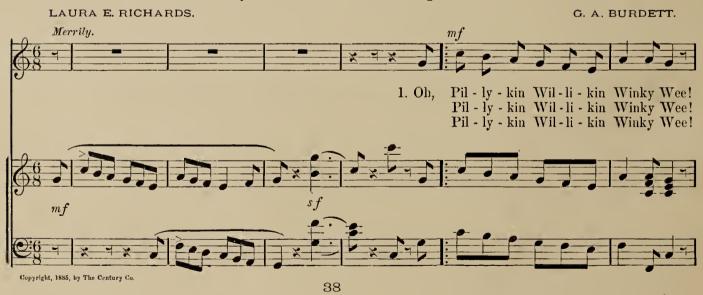
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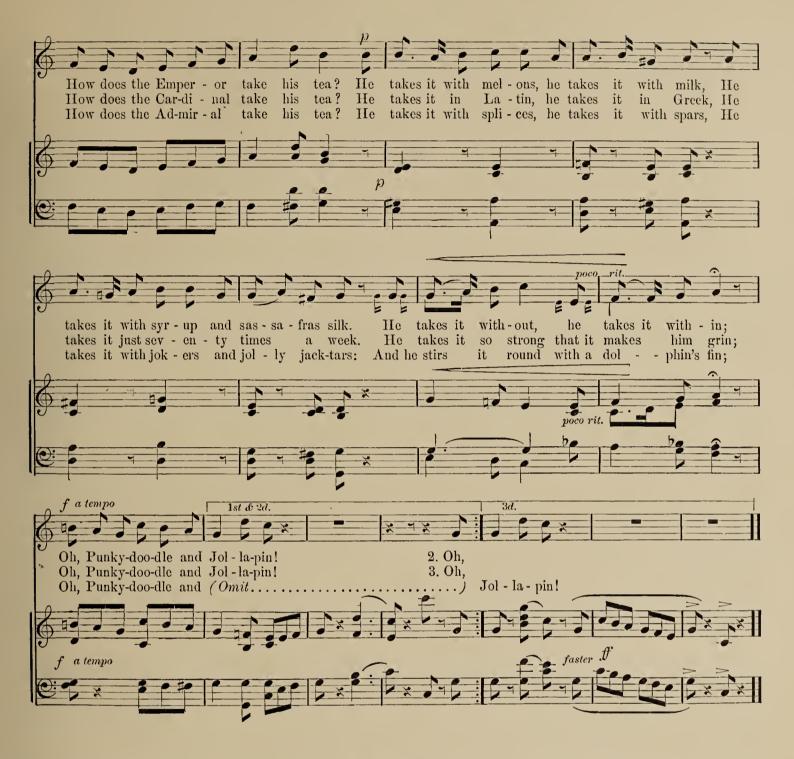




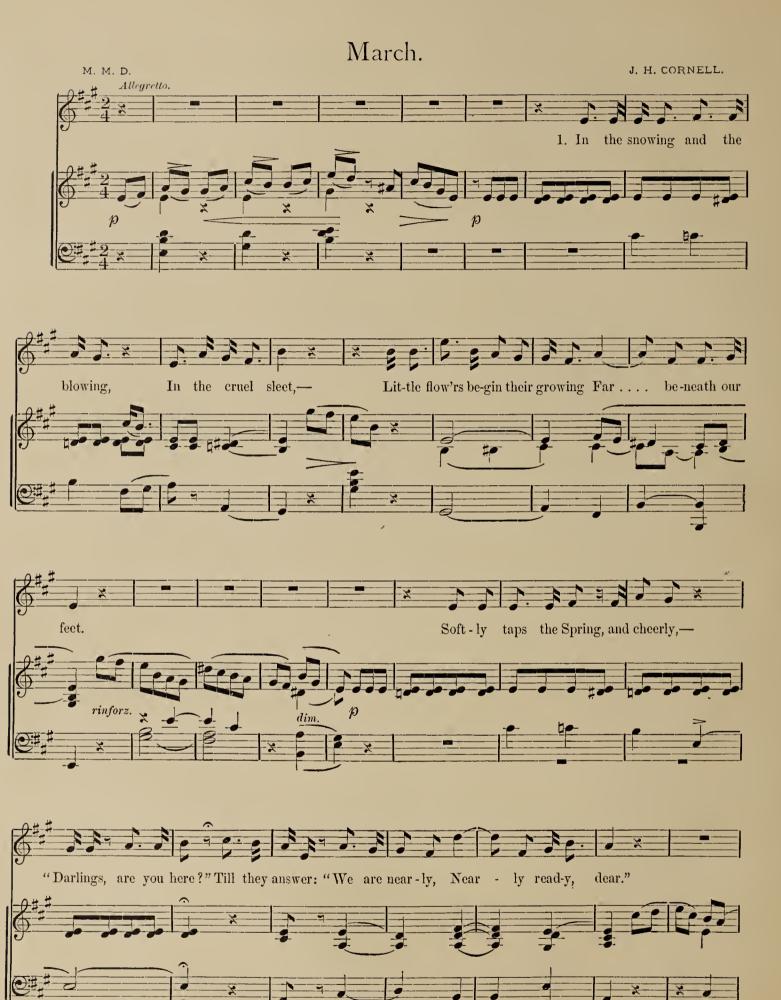


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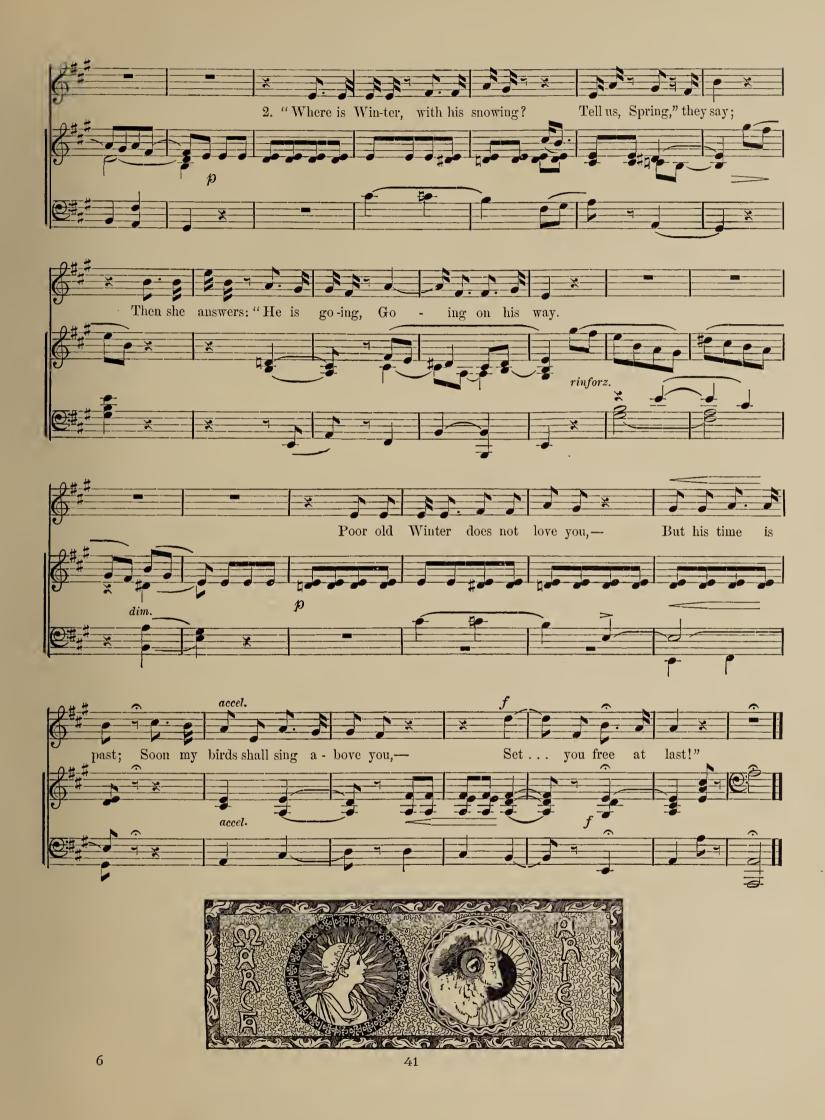






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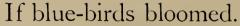




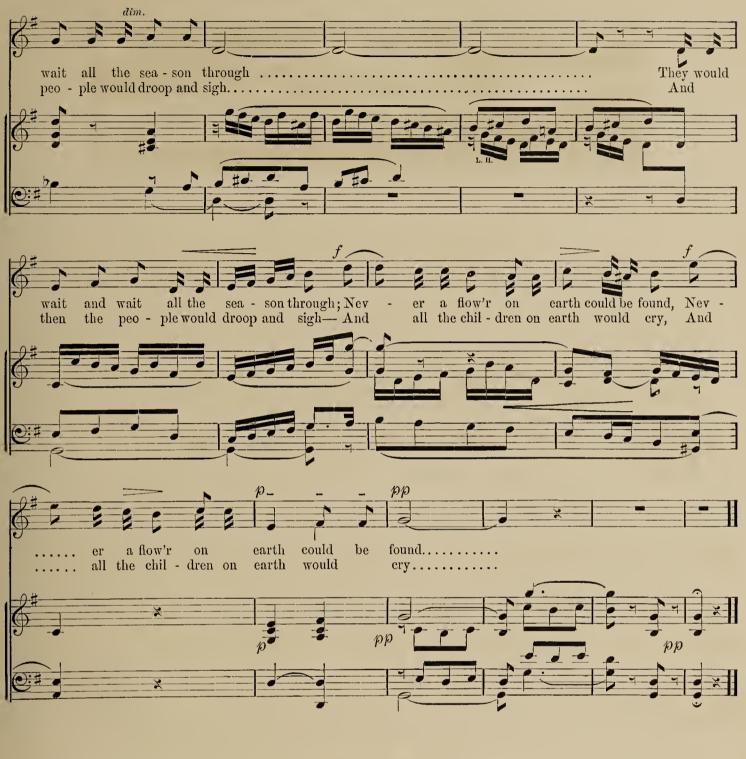
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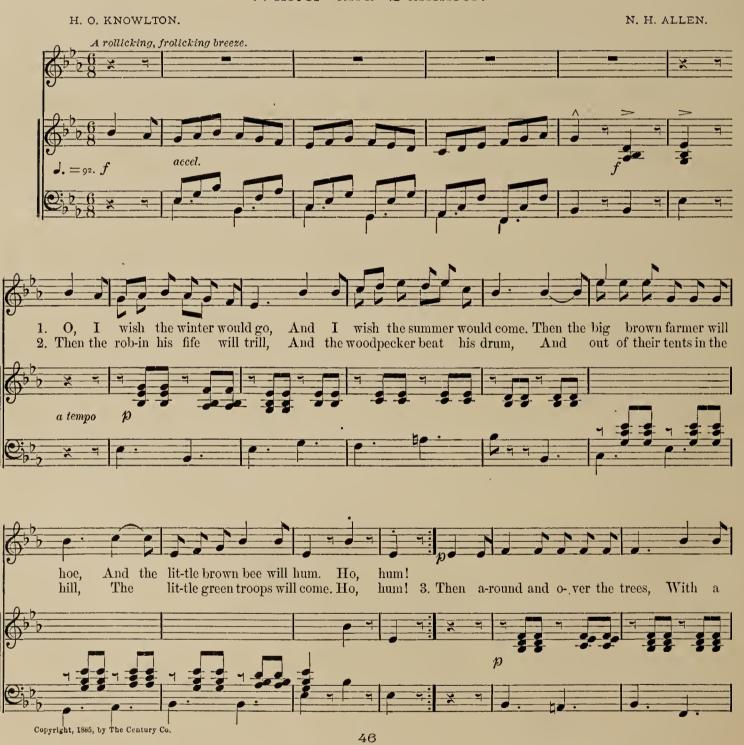


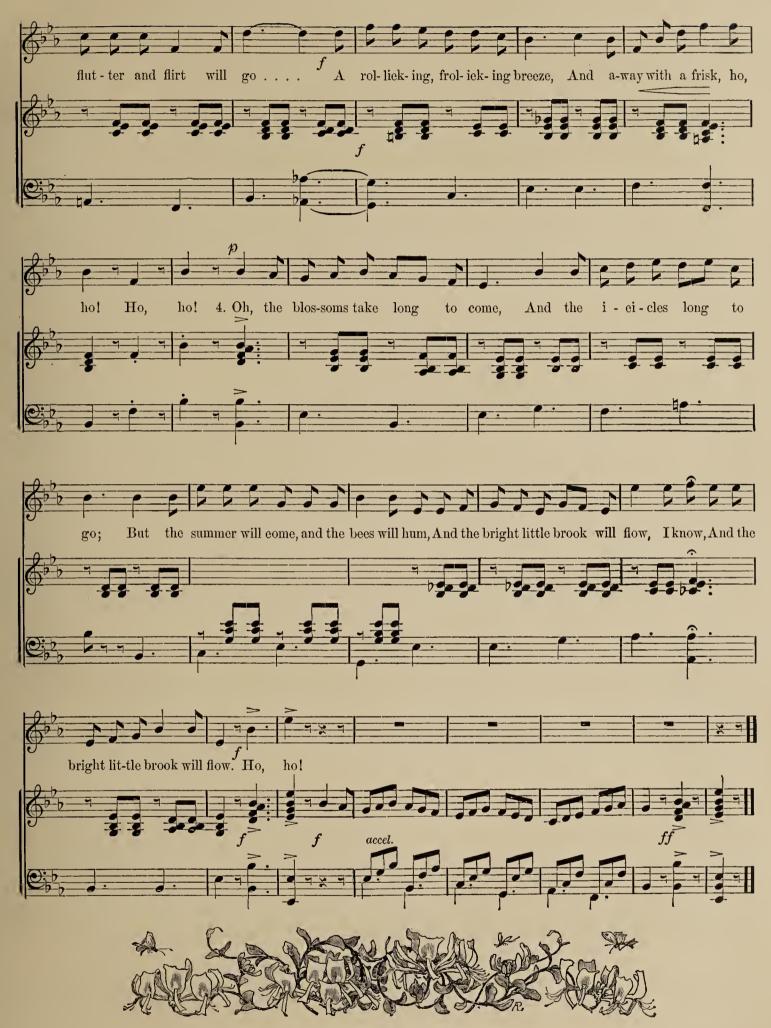


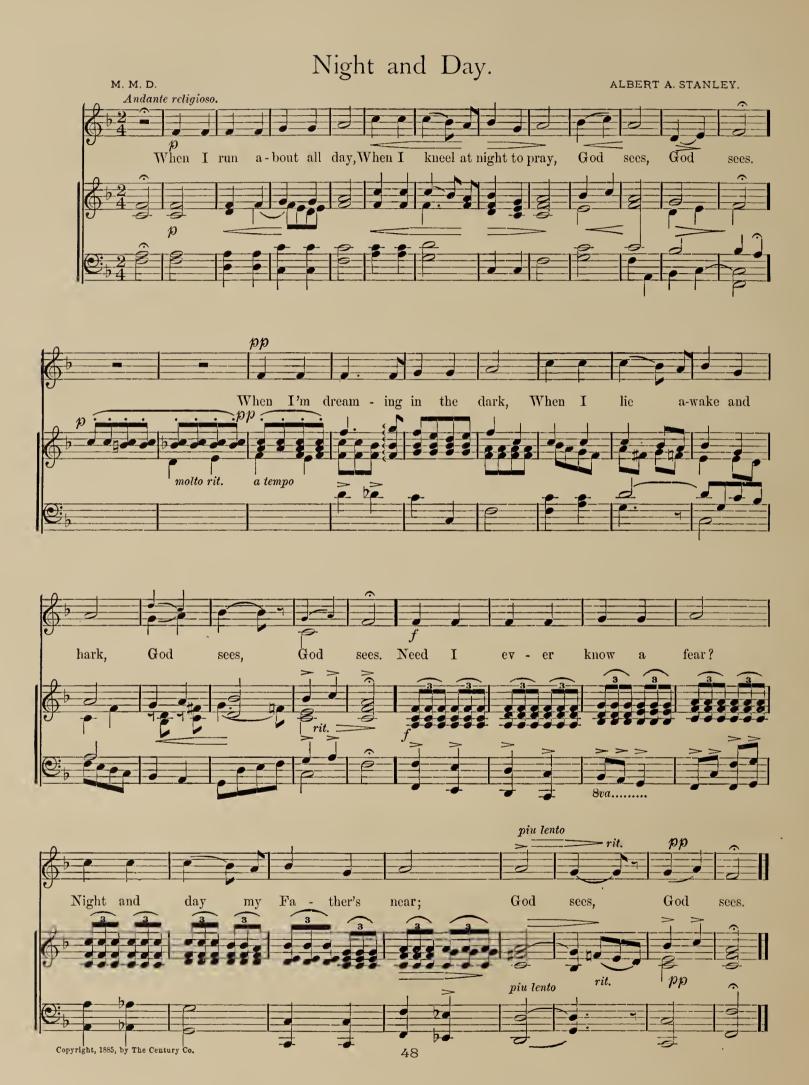




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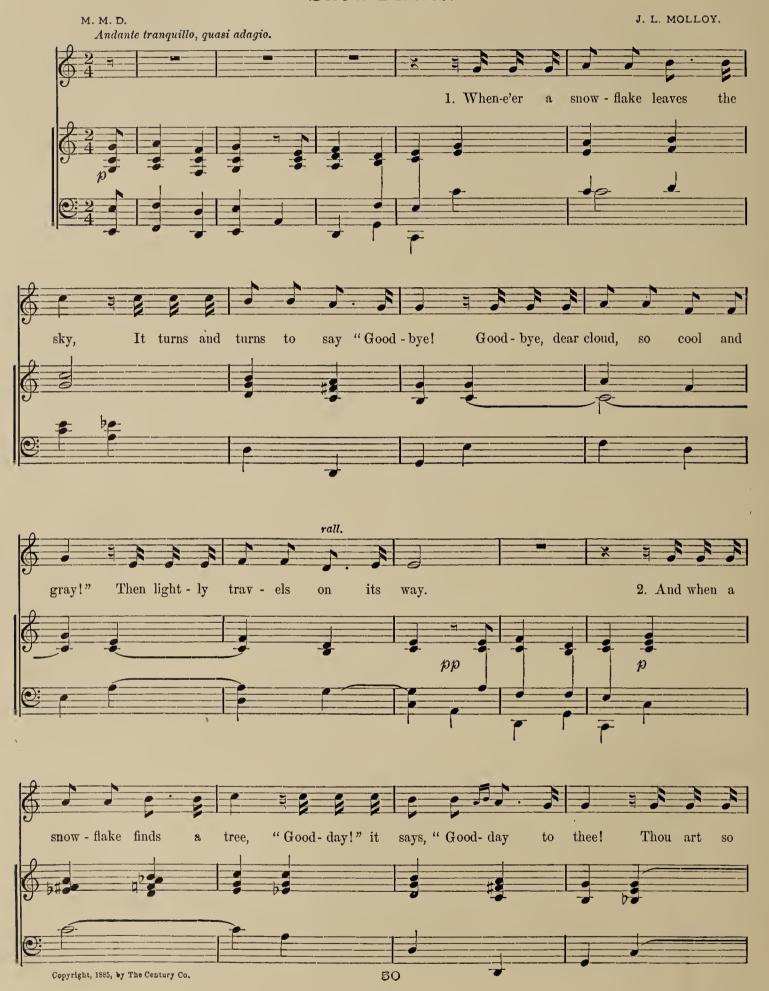


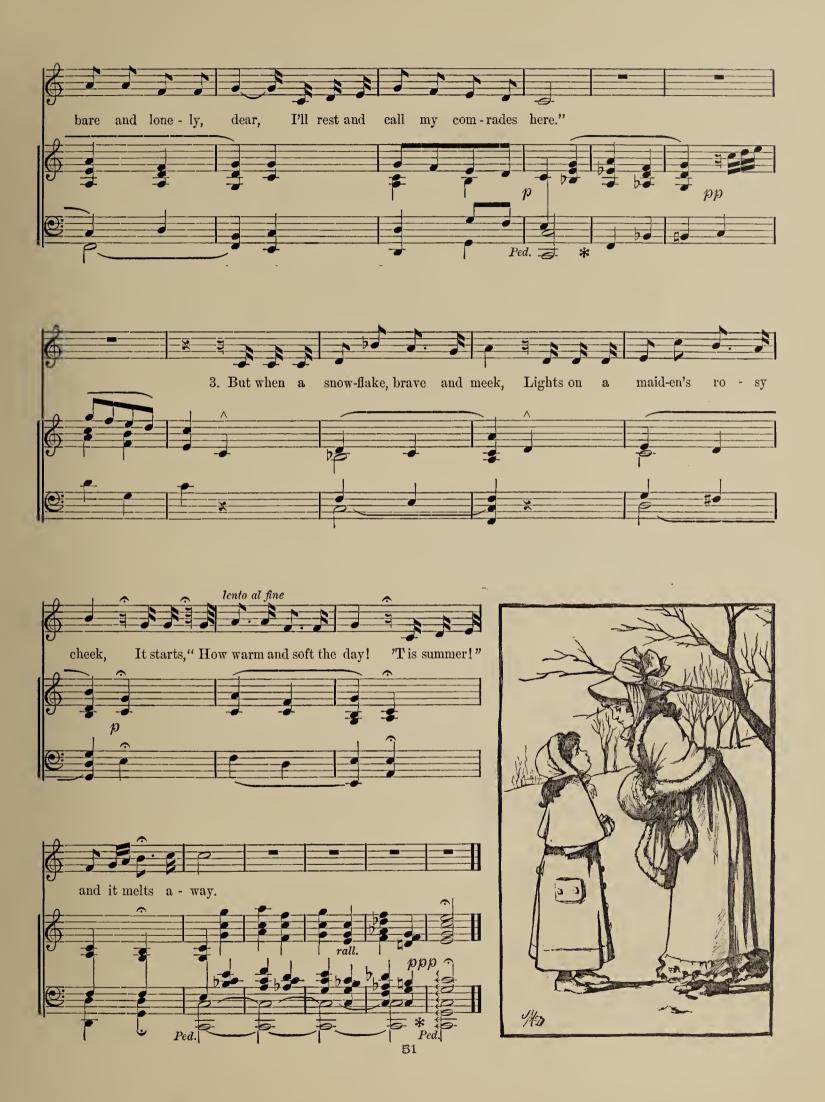


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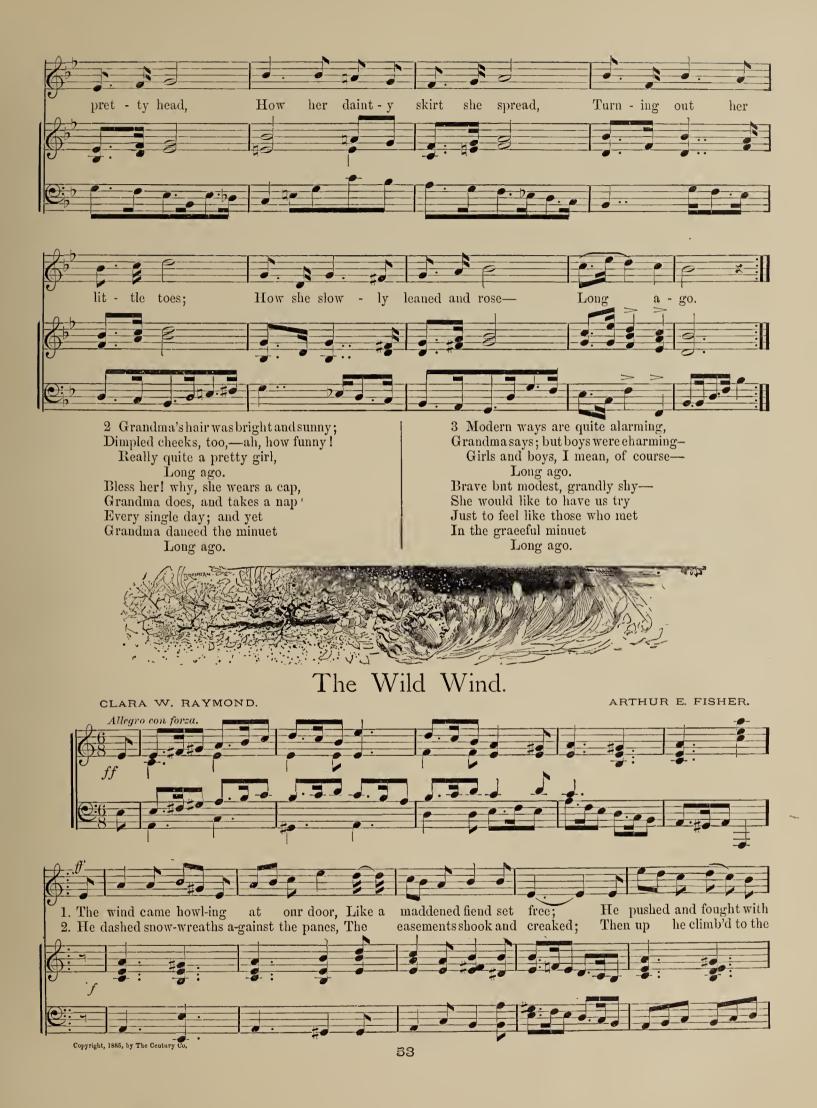
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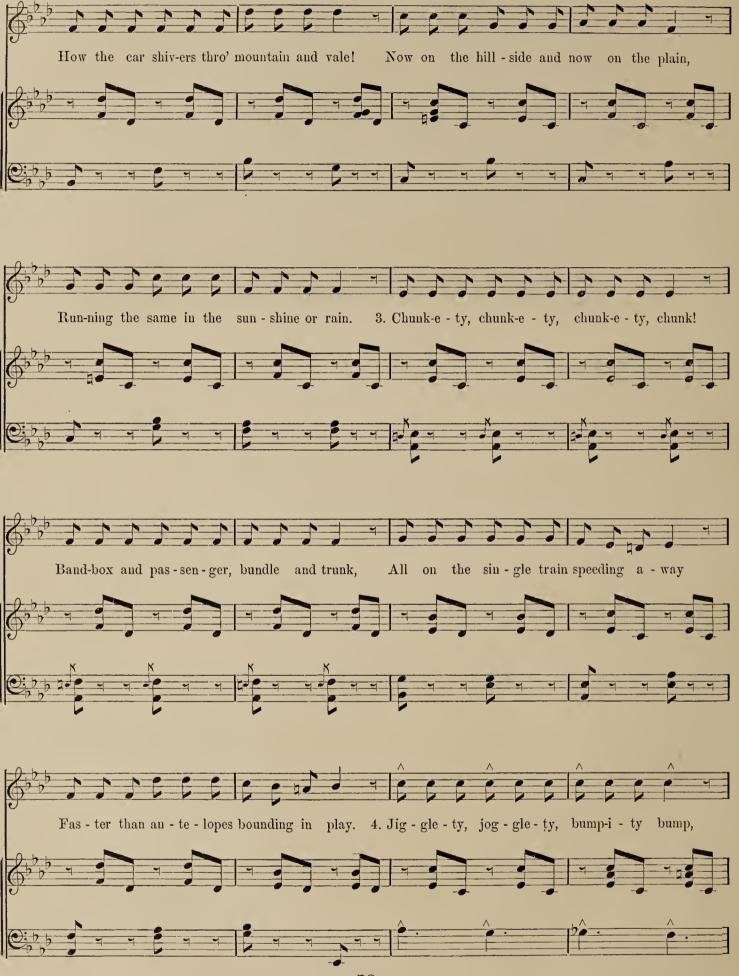


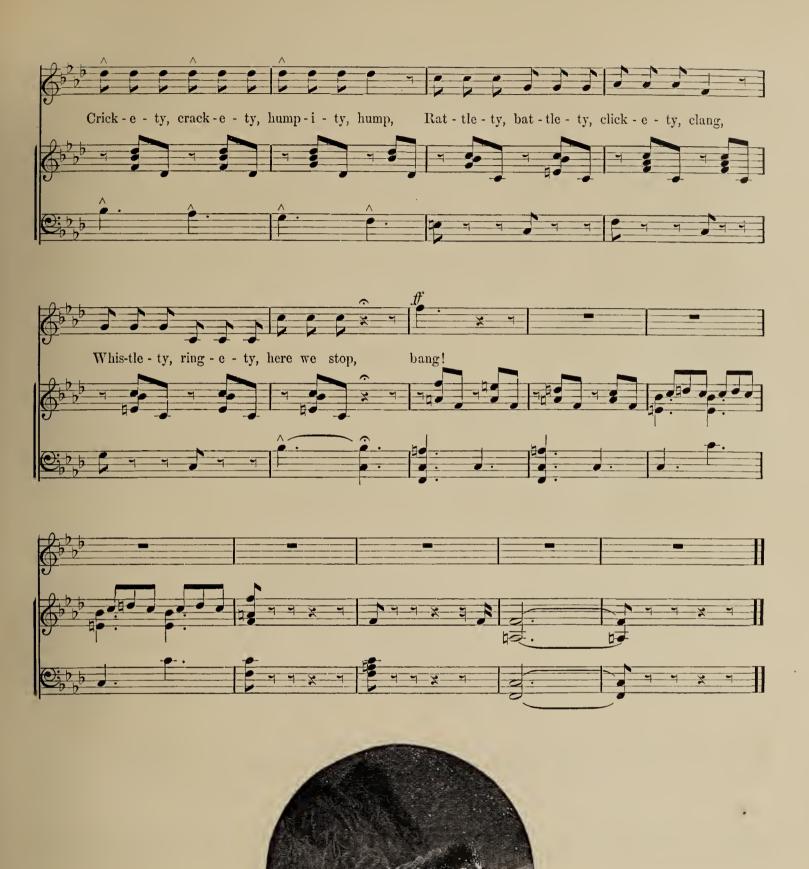




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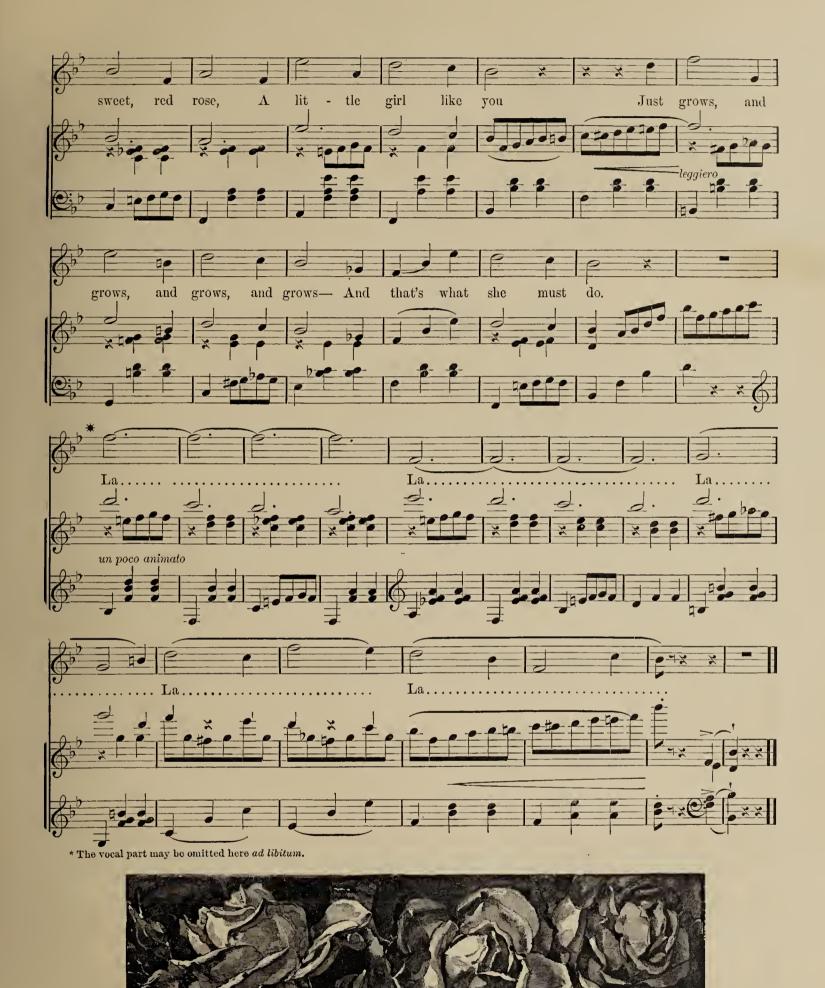




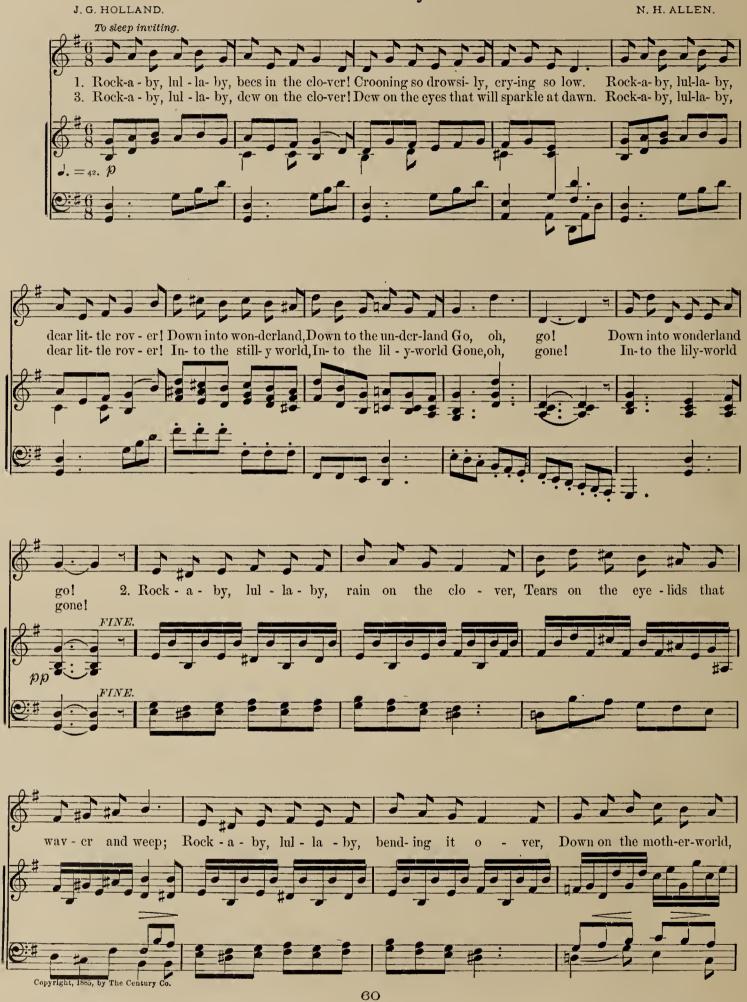


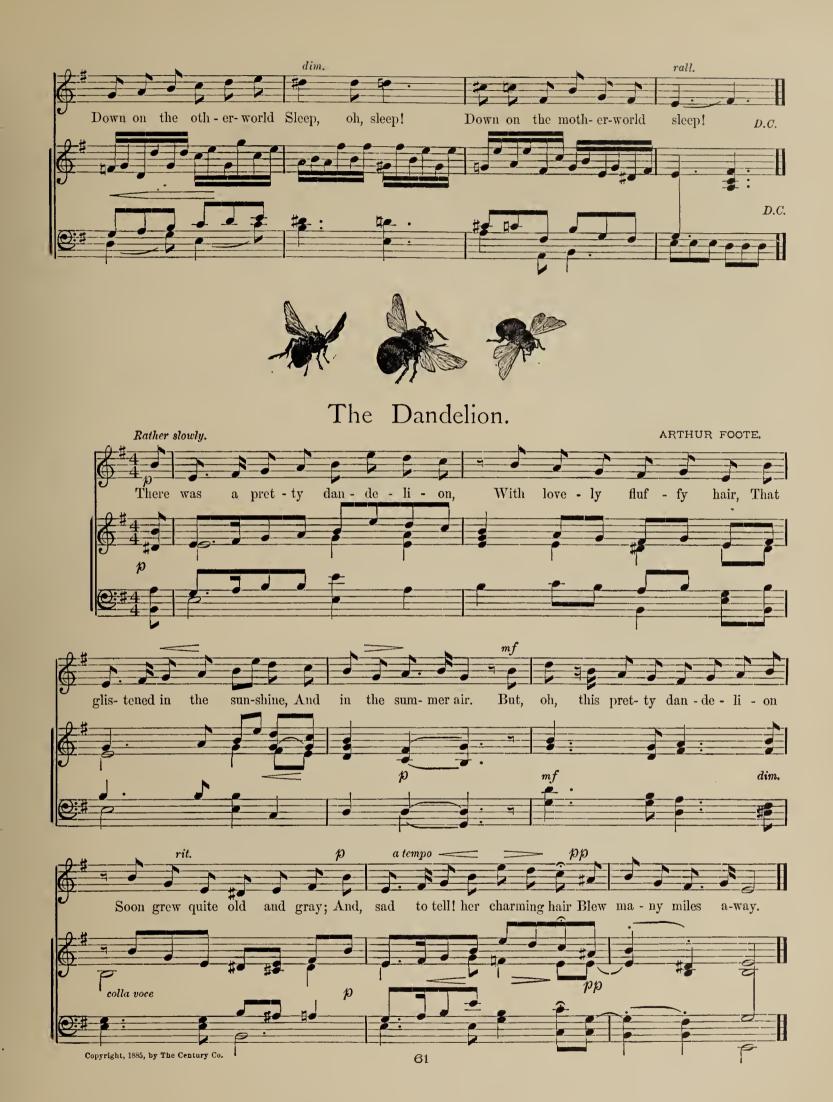
The Sweet, Red Rose.





## A Lullaby.







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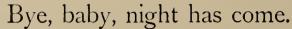


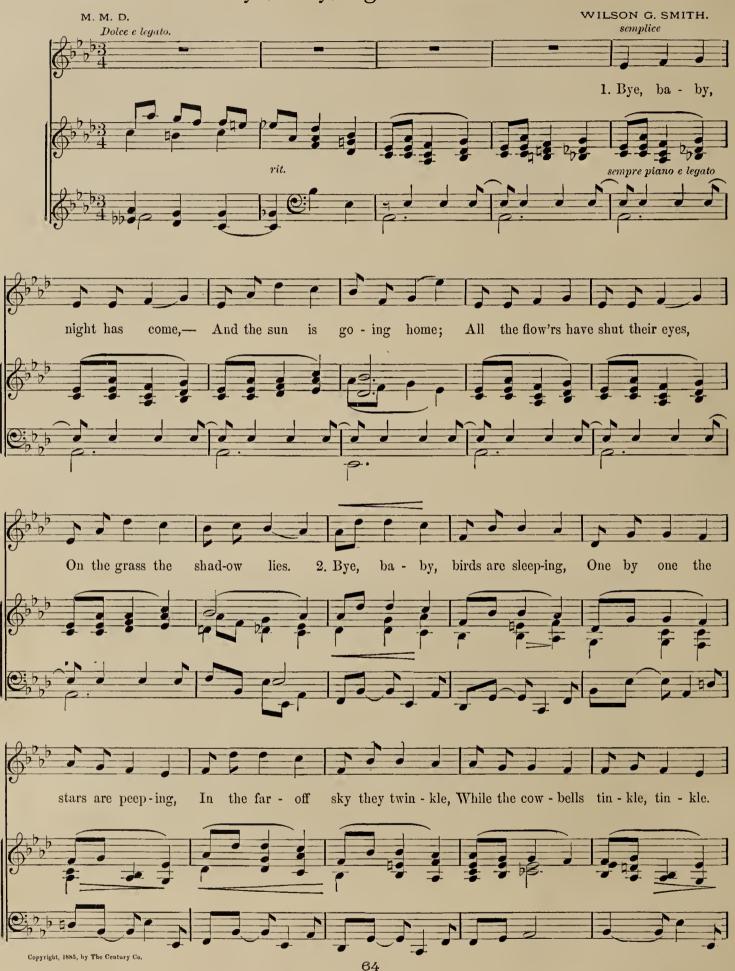


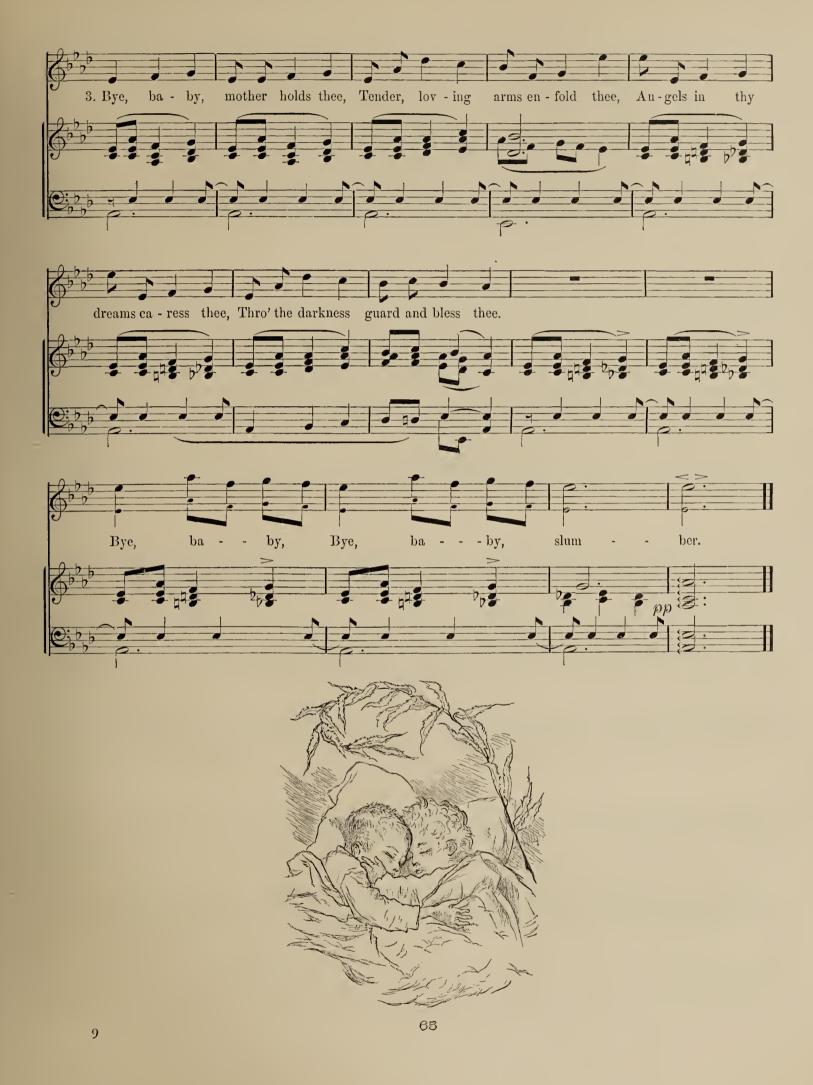


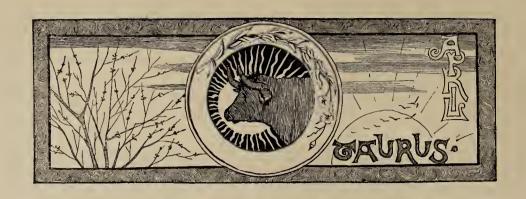


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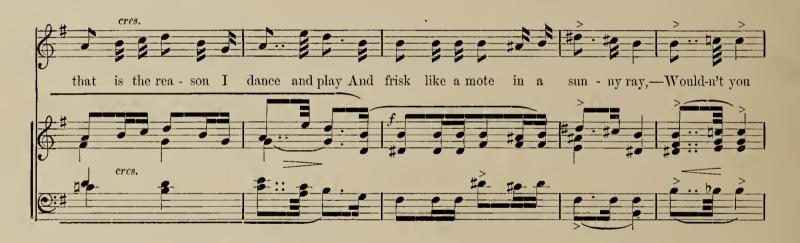




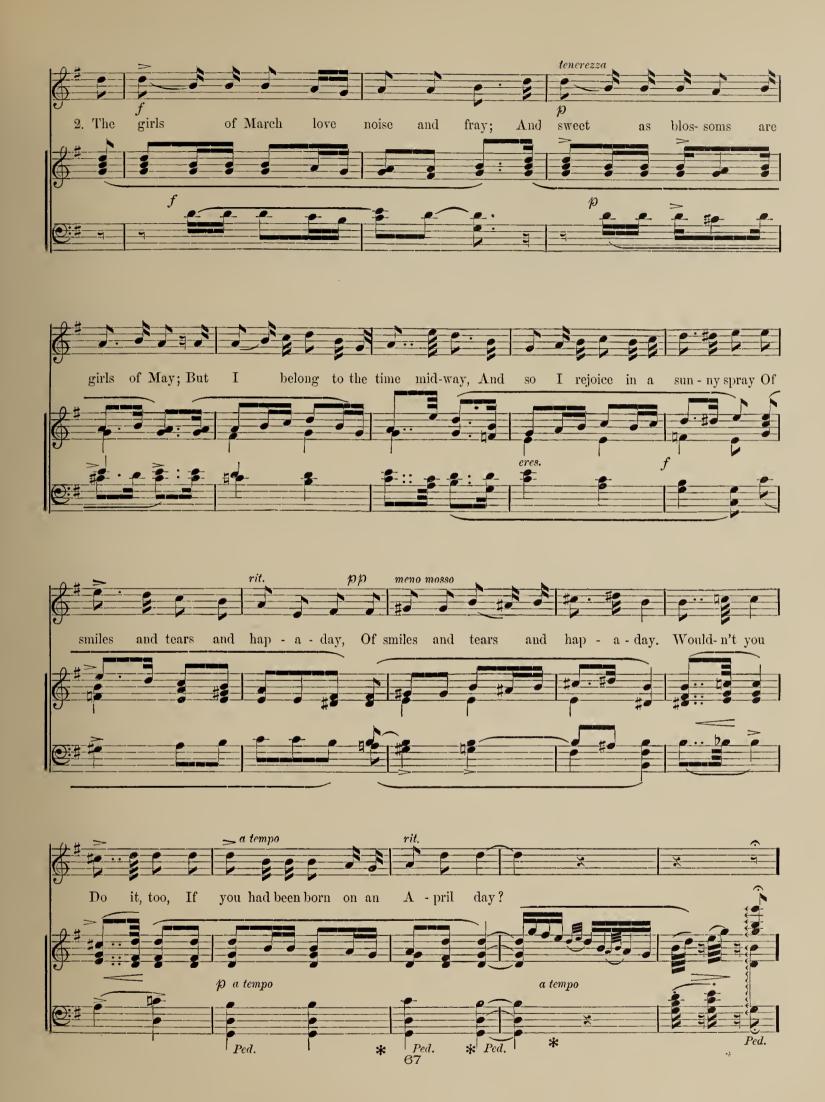


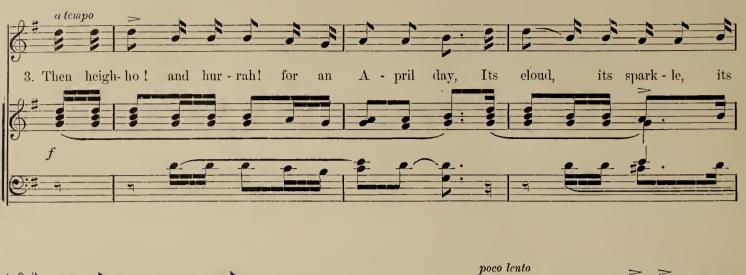










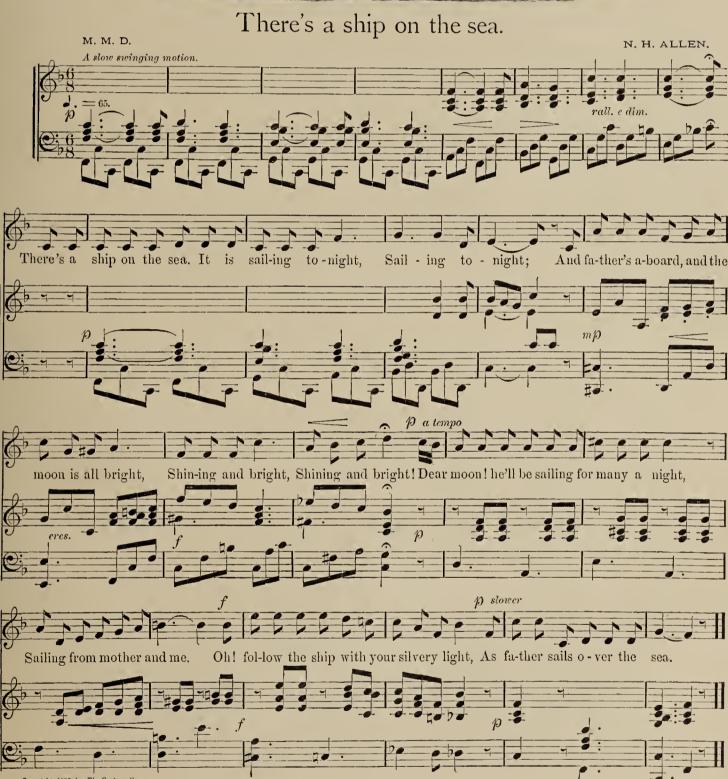




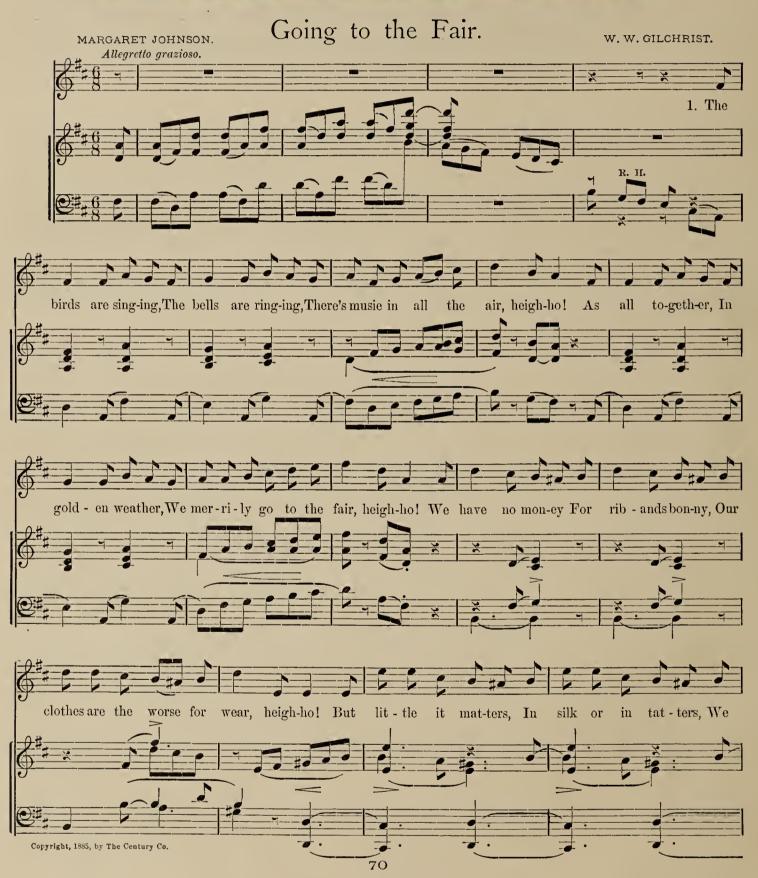


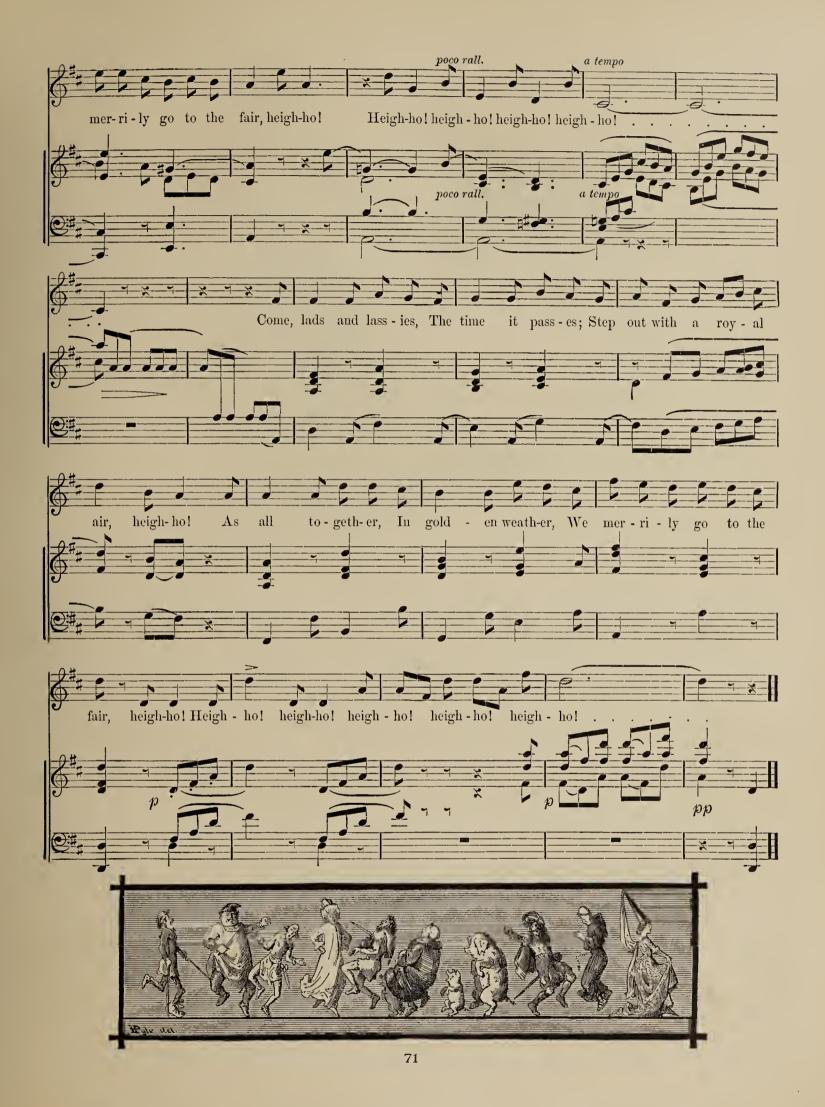




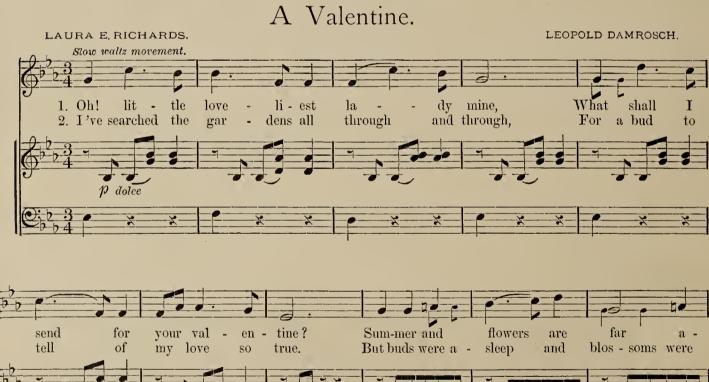






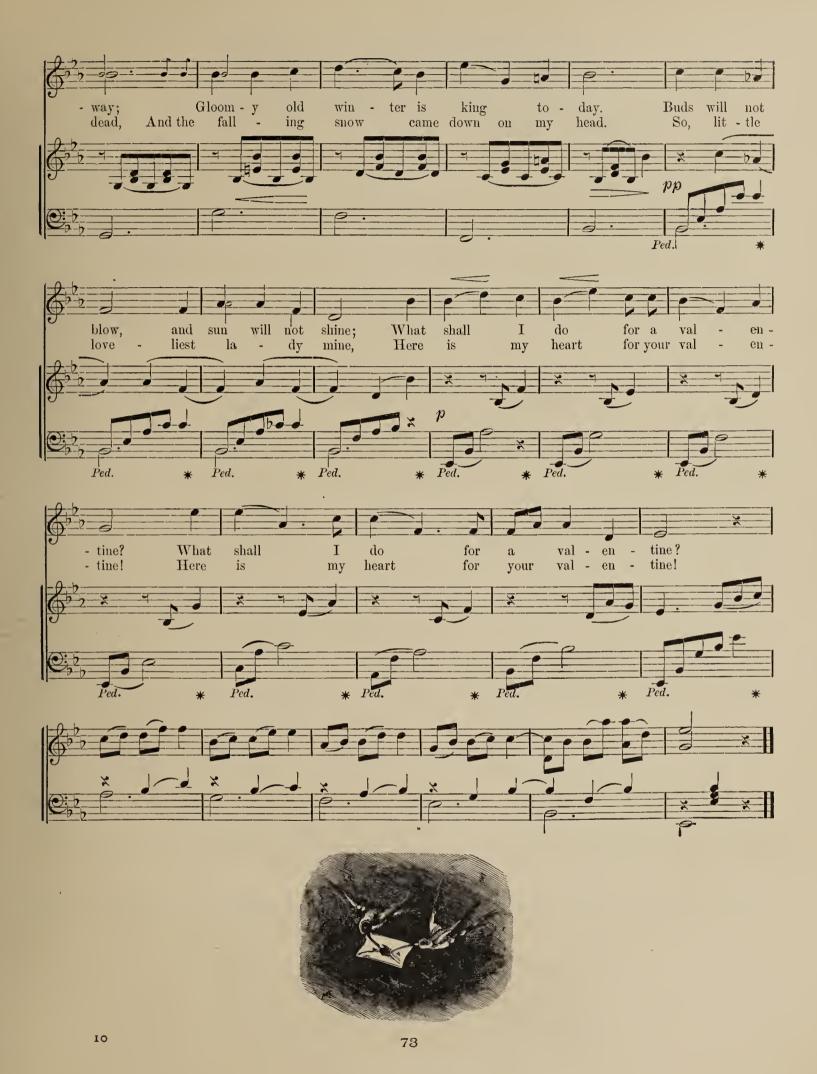


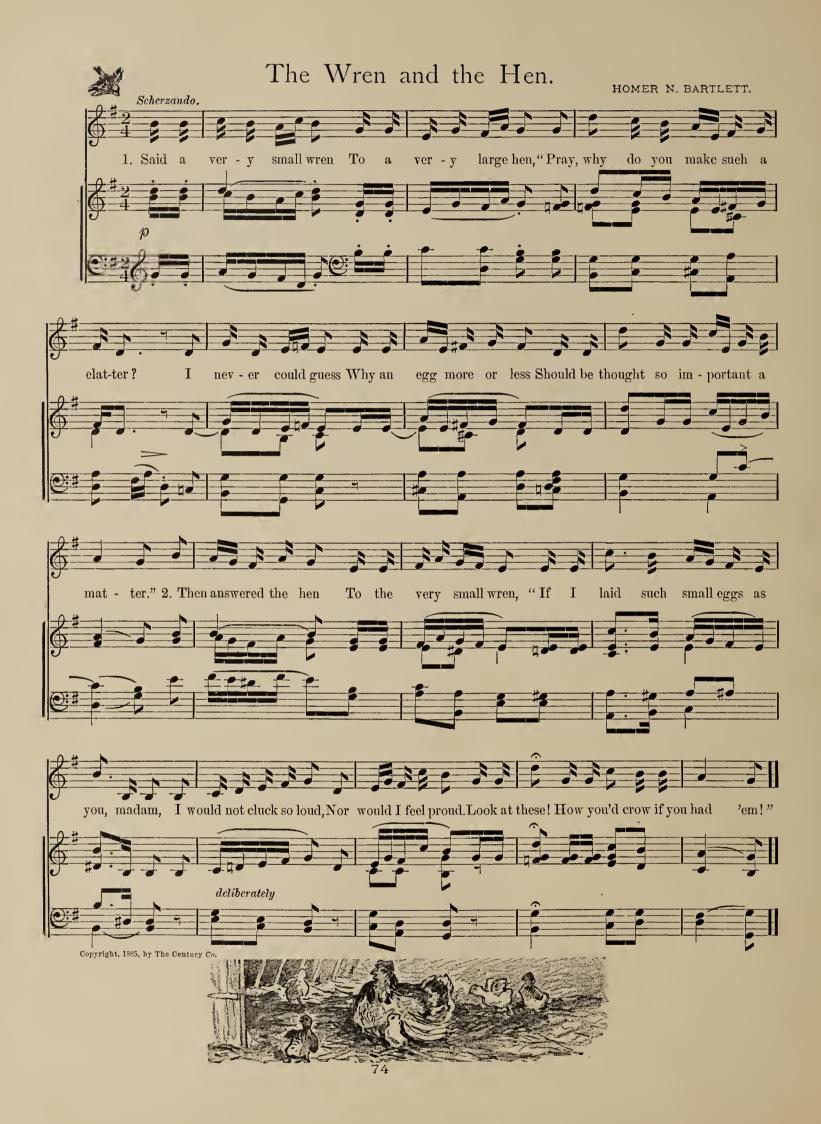




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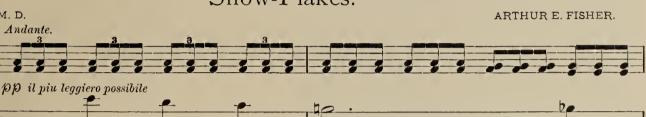






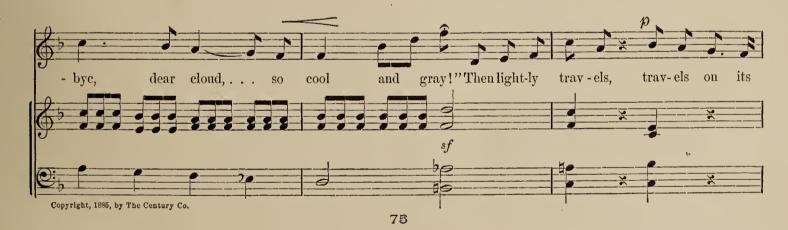


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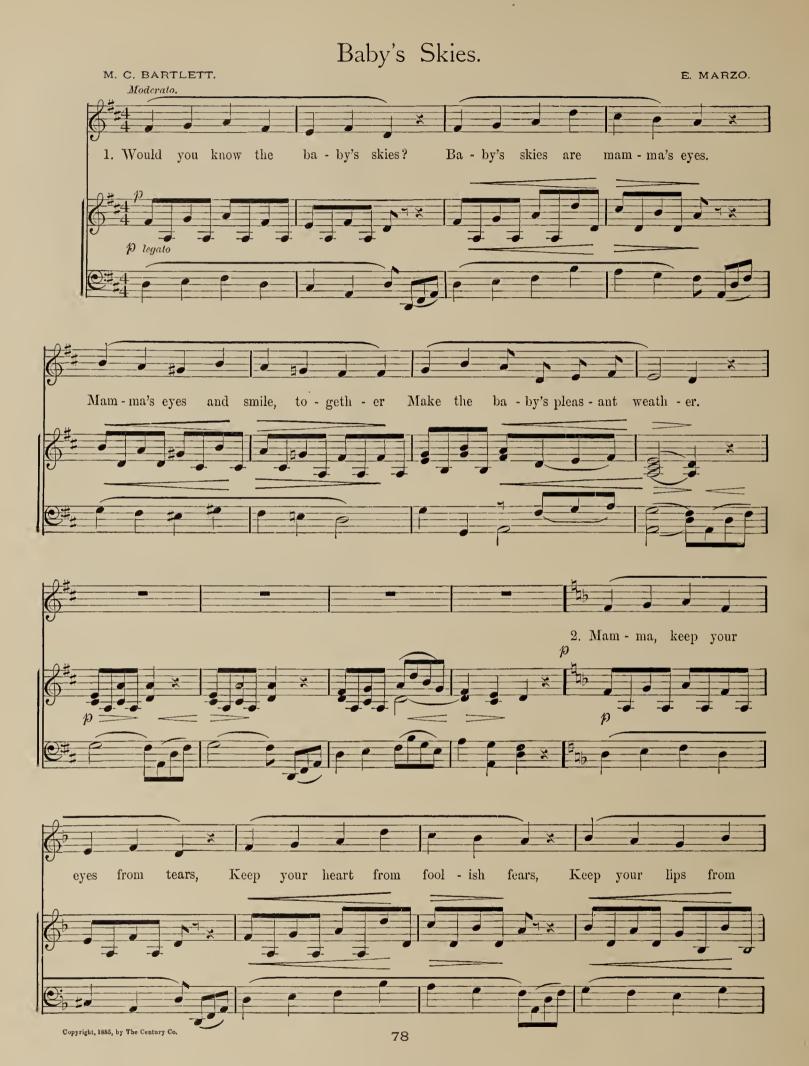




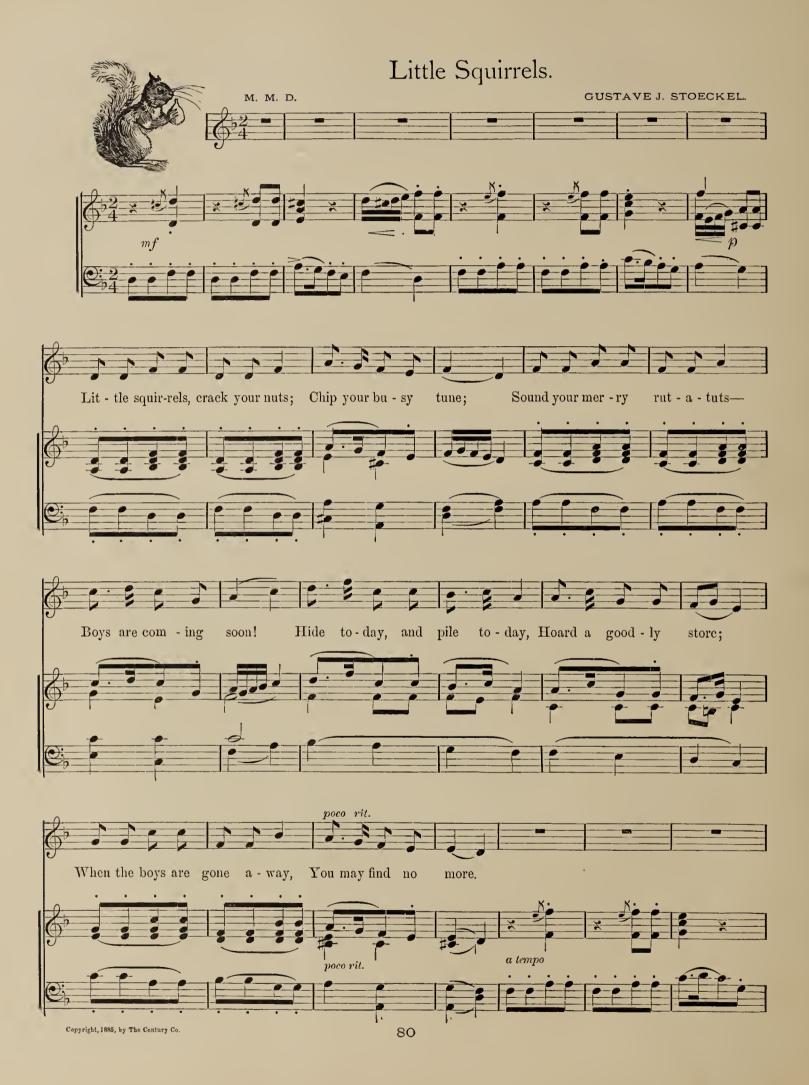


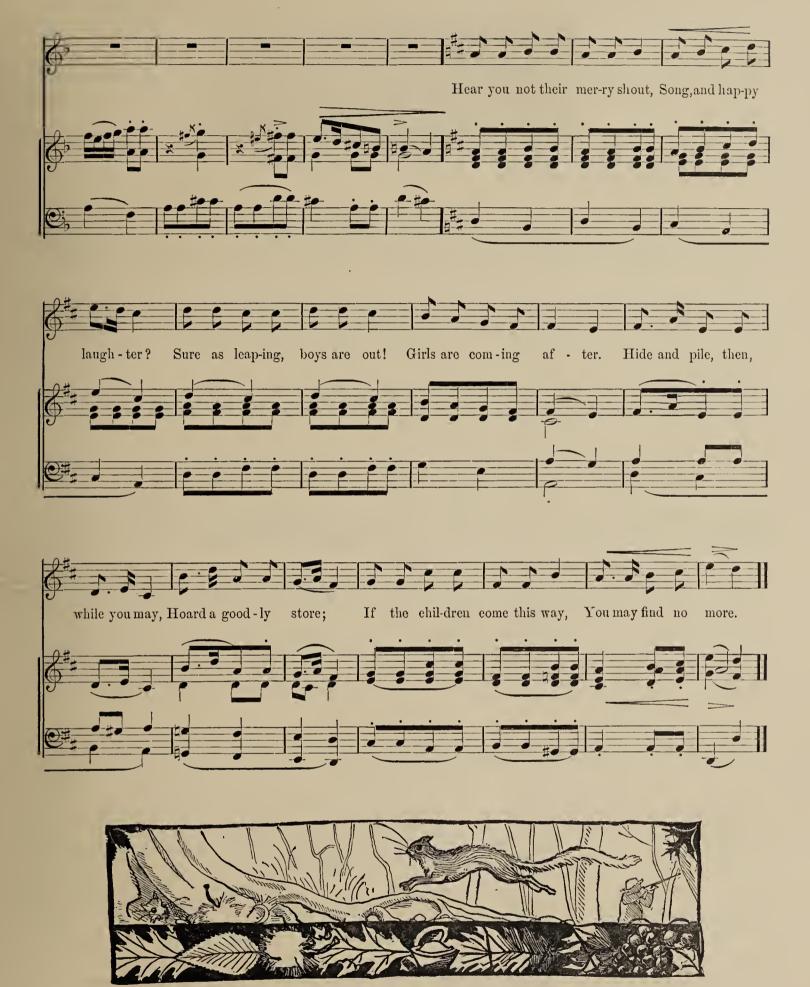




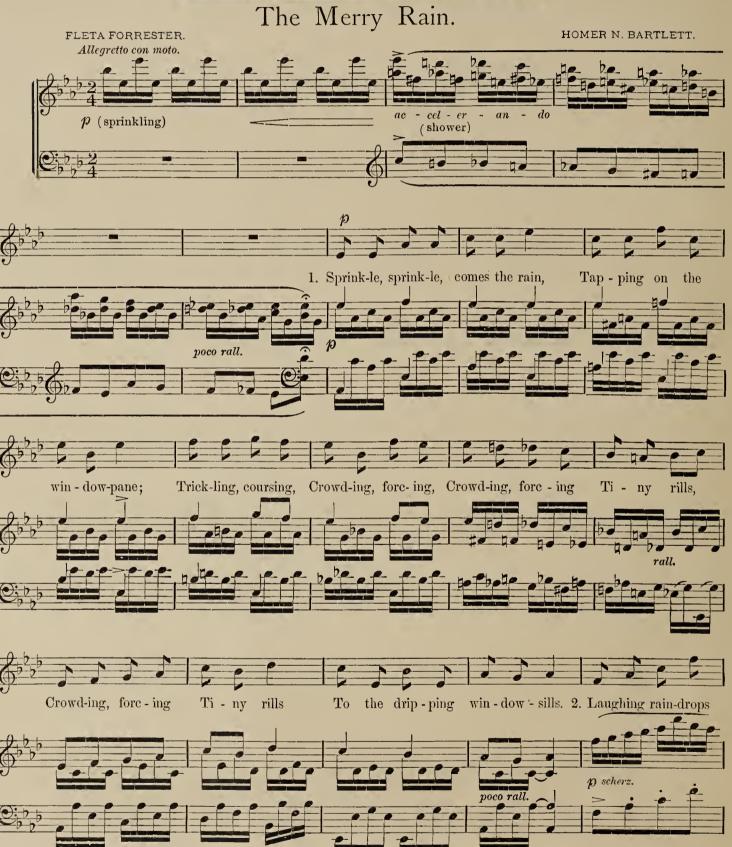


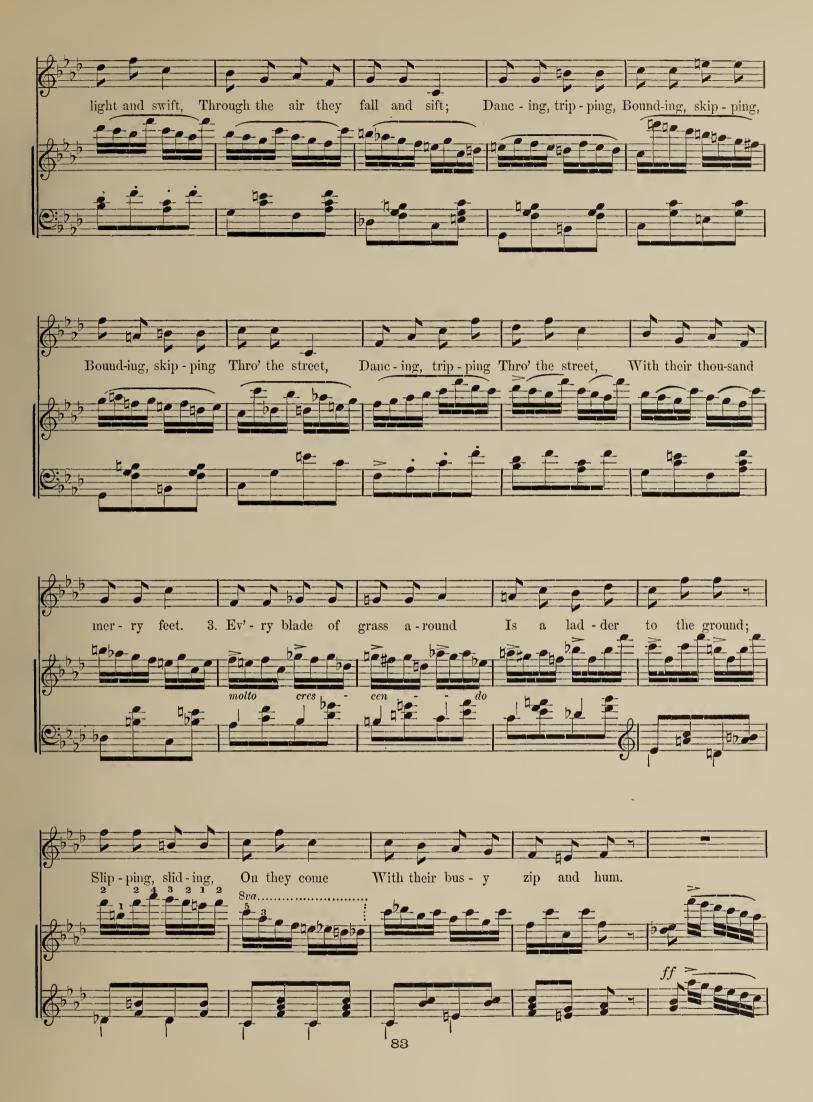


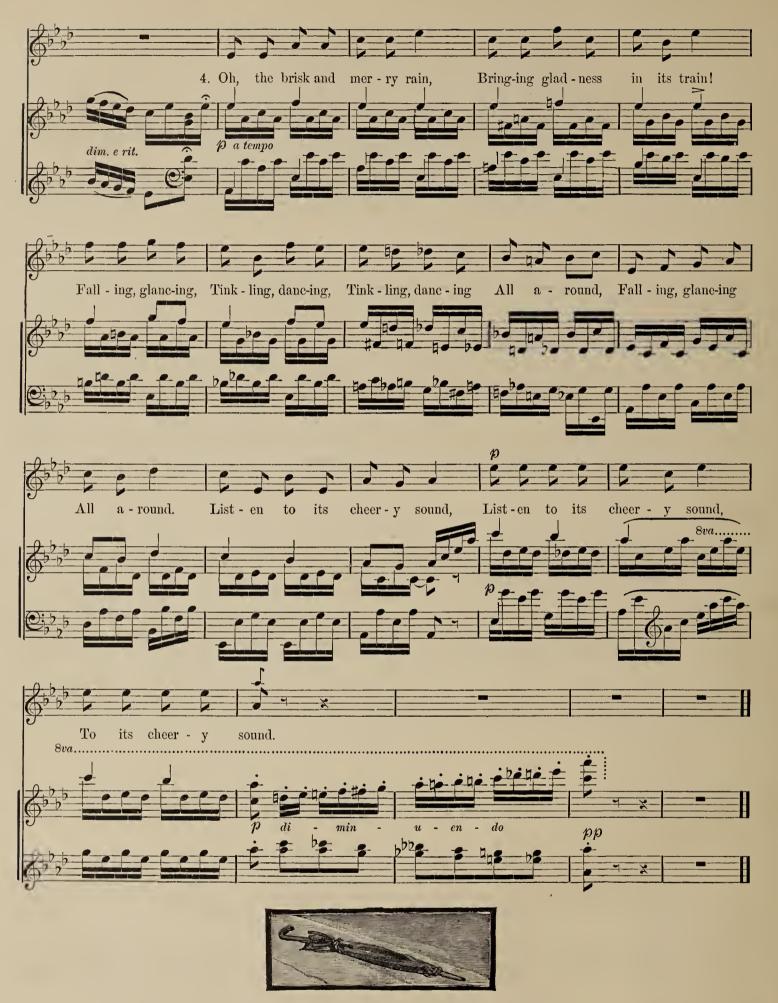


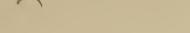


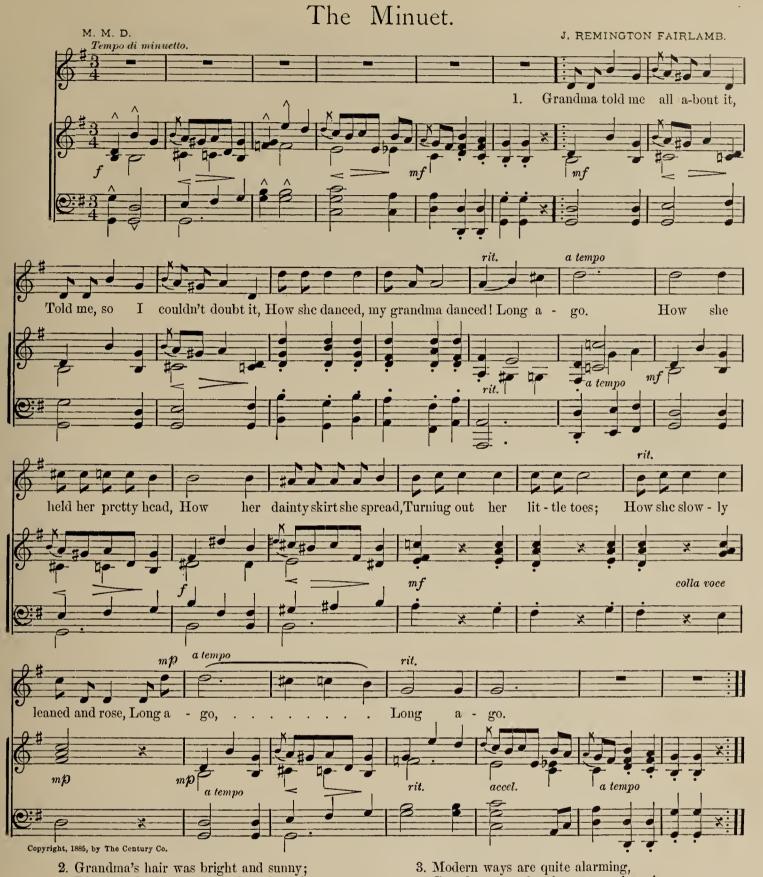










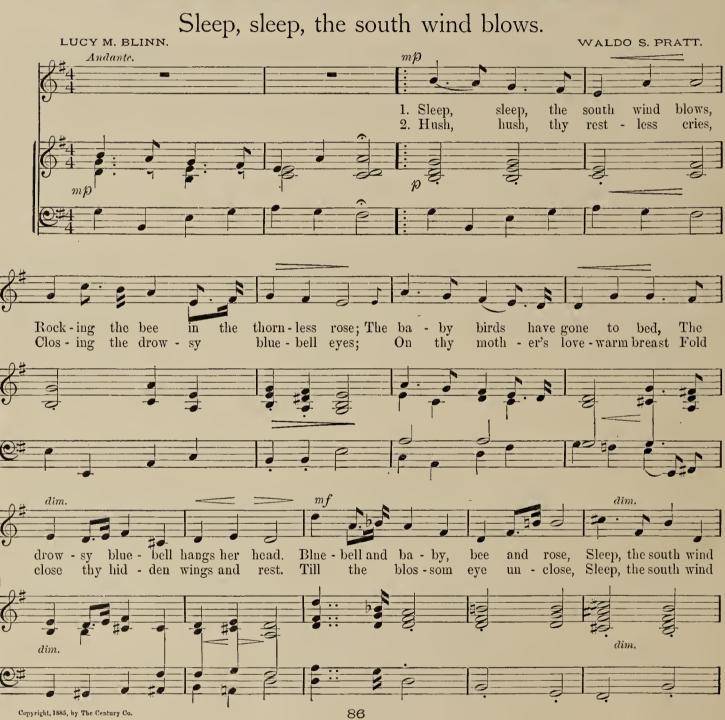


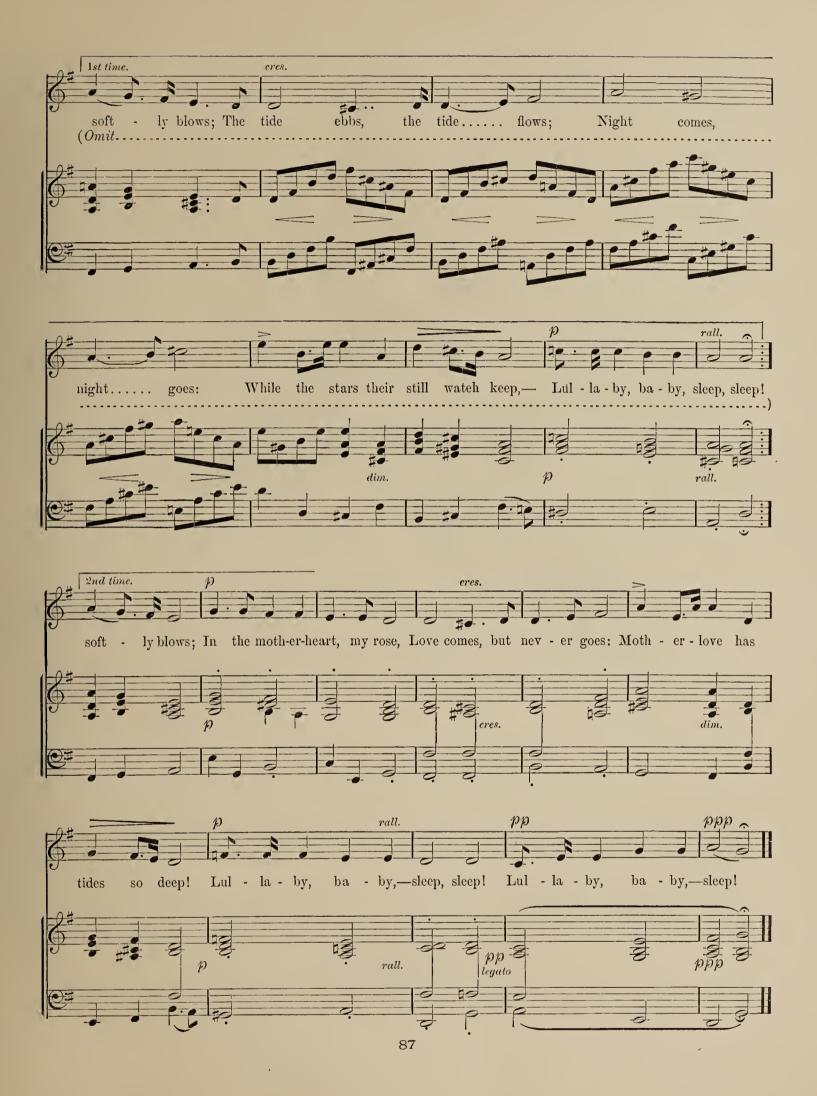
2. Grandma's hair was bright and sunny;
Dimpled cheeks, too,—ah, how funny!
Really quite a pretty girl,
Long ago.
Bless her! why, she wears a cap,
Grandma does, and takes a nap
Every single day; aud yet,
Grandma danced the minuet

Long ago.

Graudma says; but boys were charming—
Girls and boys, I mean, of course—
Long ago.
Brave but modest, grandly shy—
She would like to have us try
Just to feel like those who met
Iu the graceful minuet
Long ago.

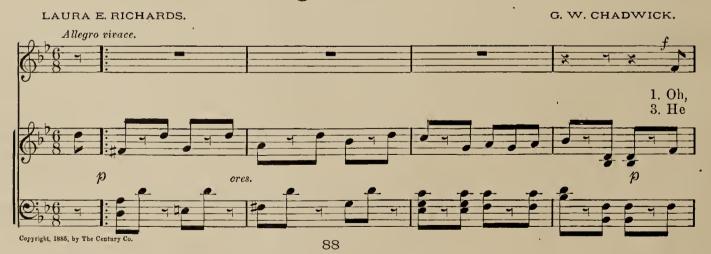


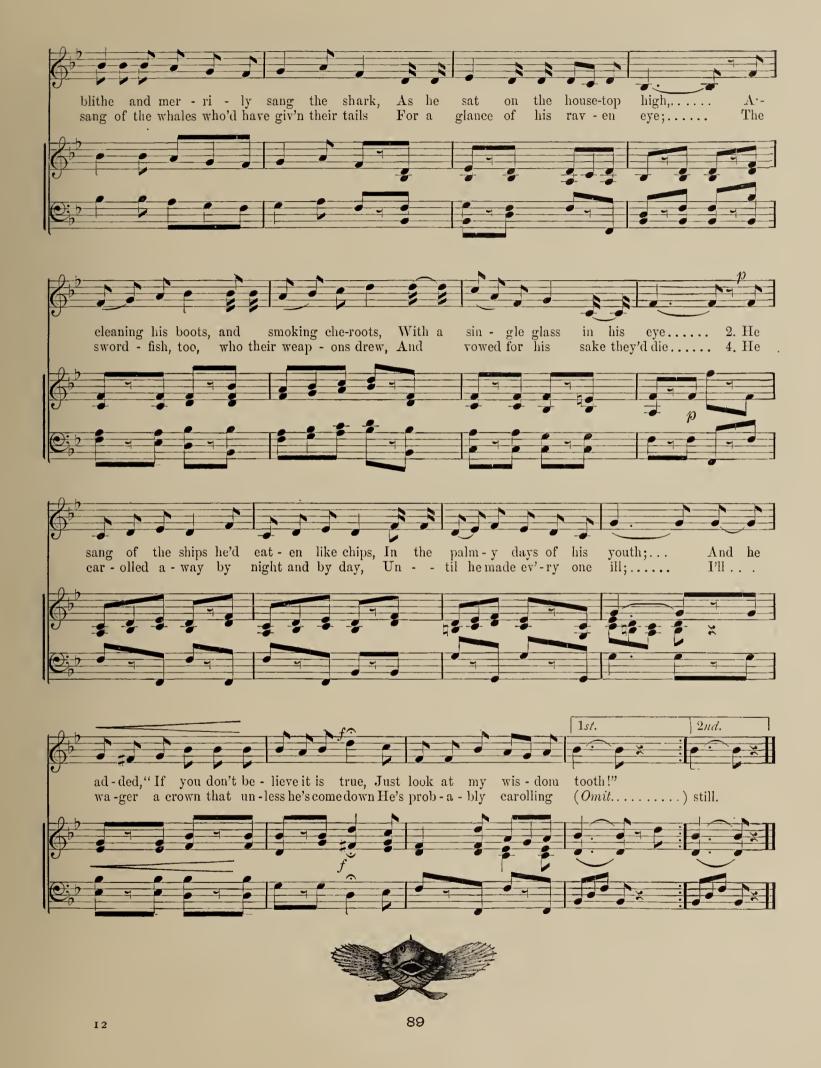




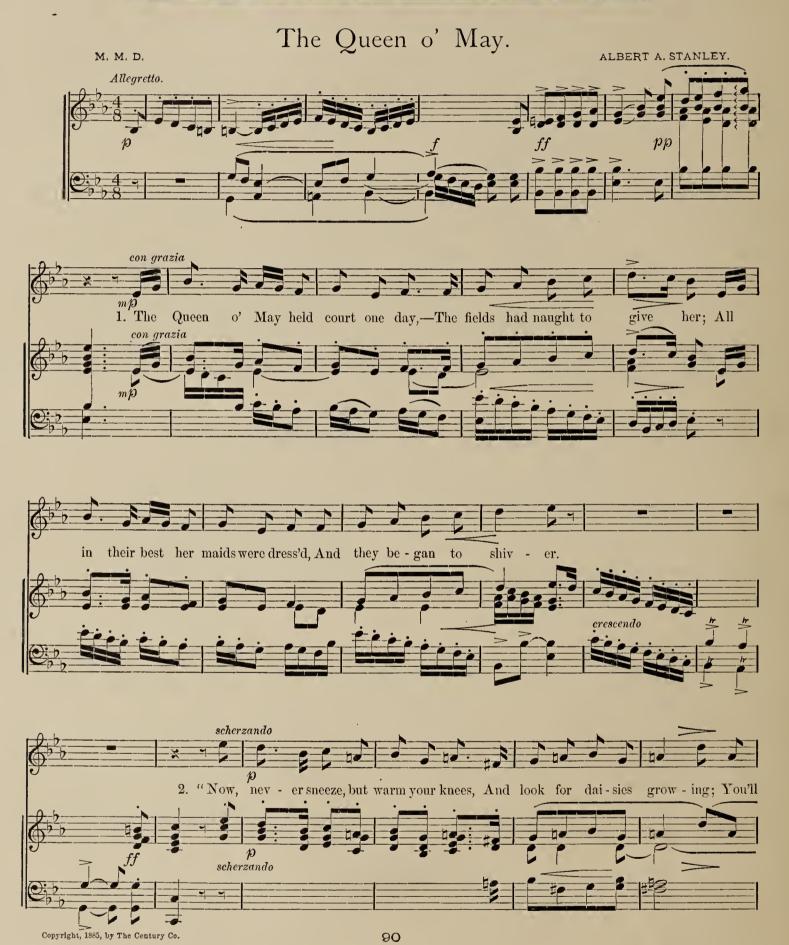


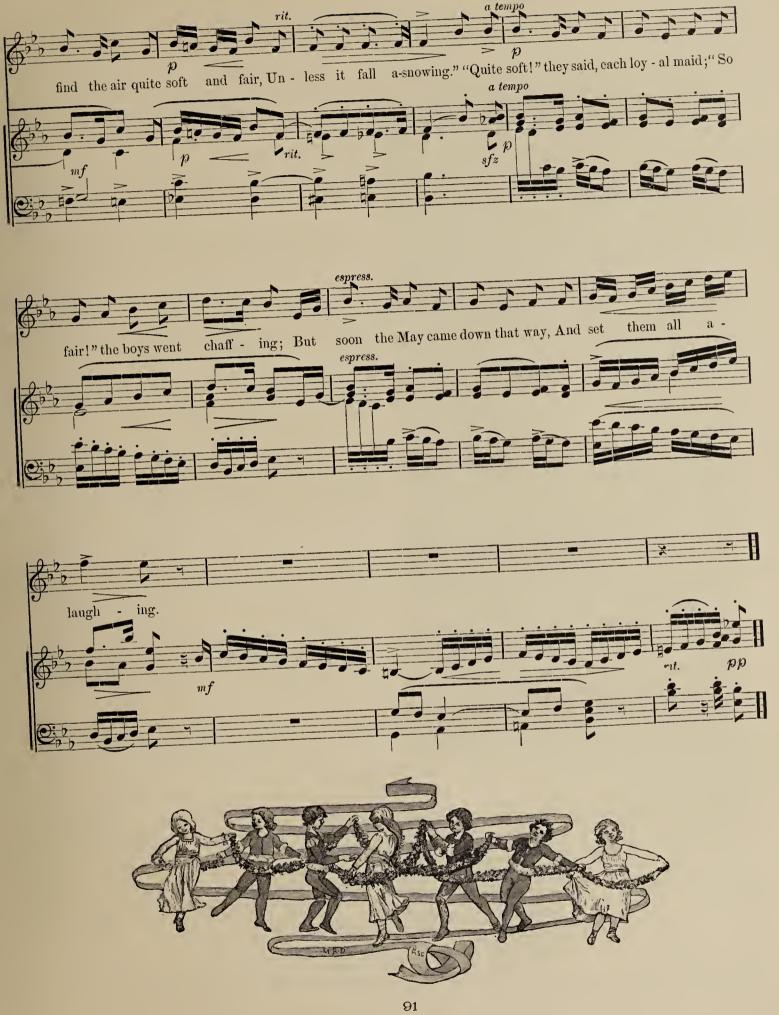
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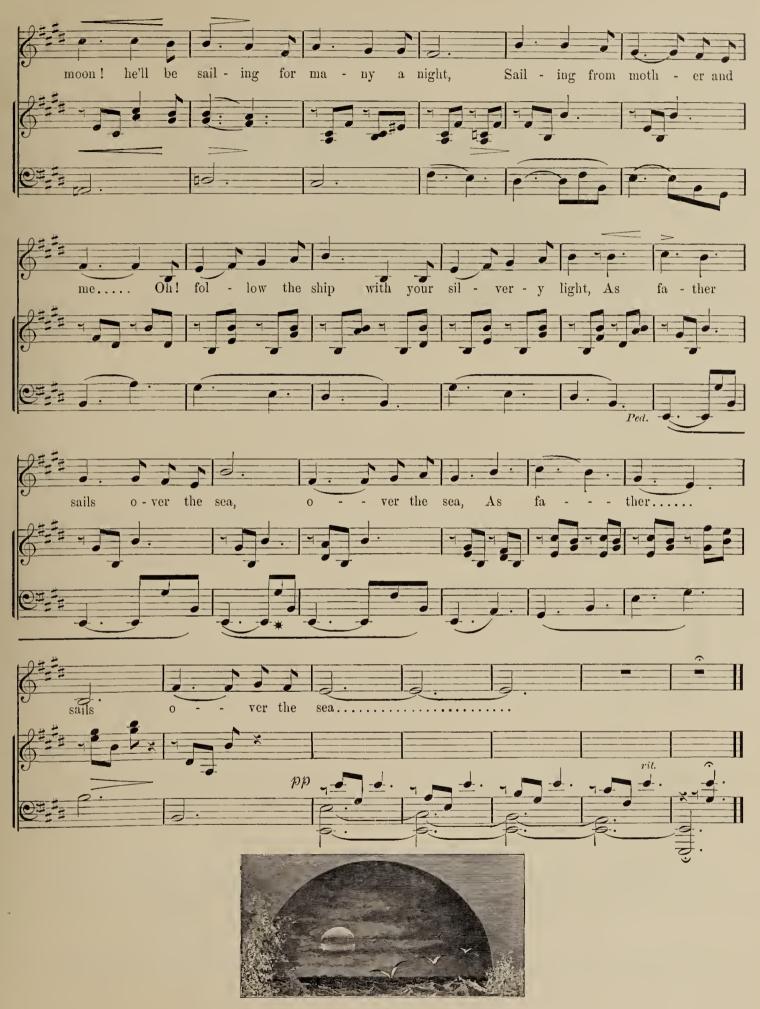


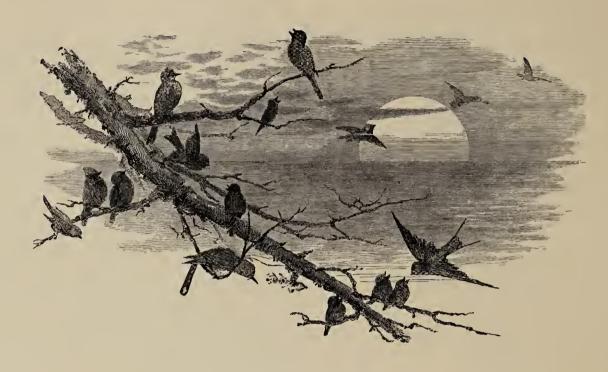




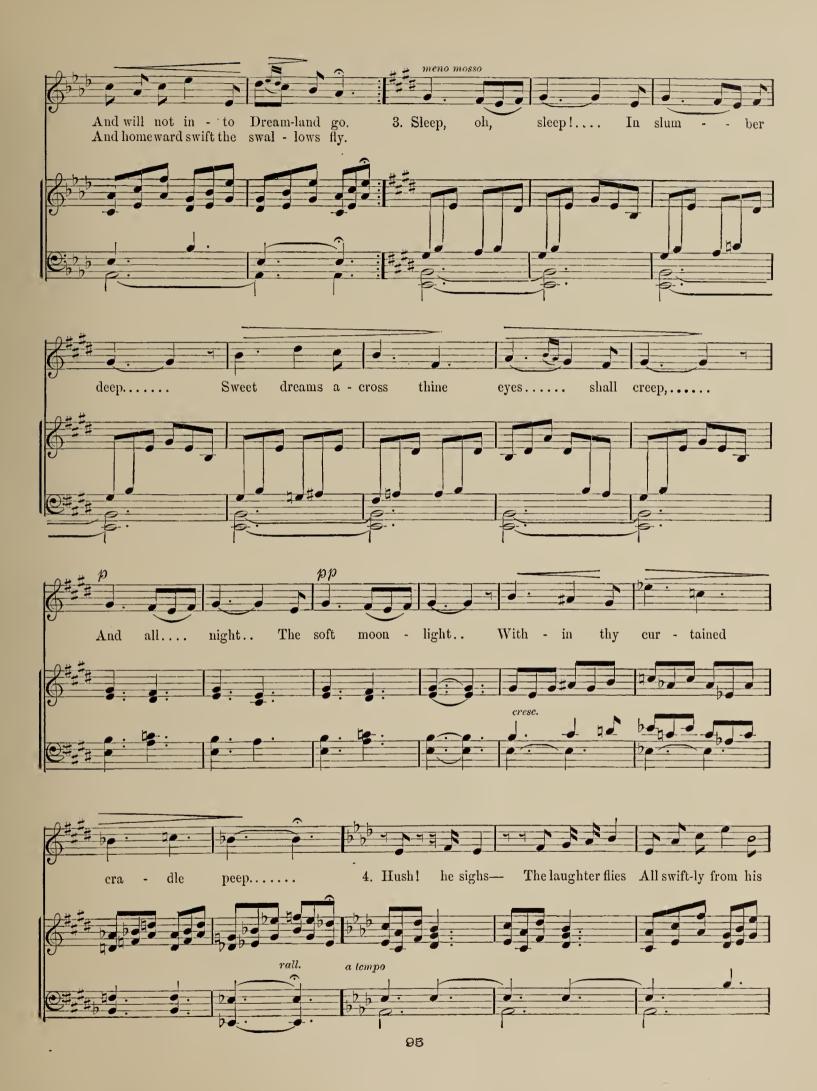
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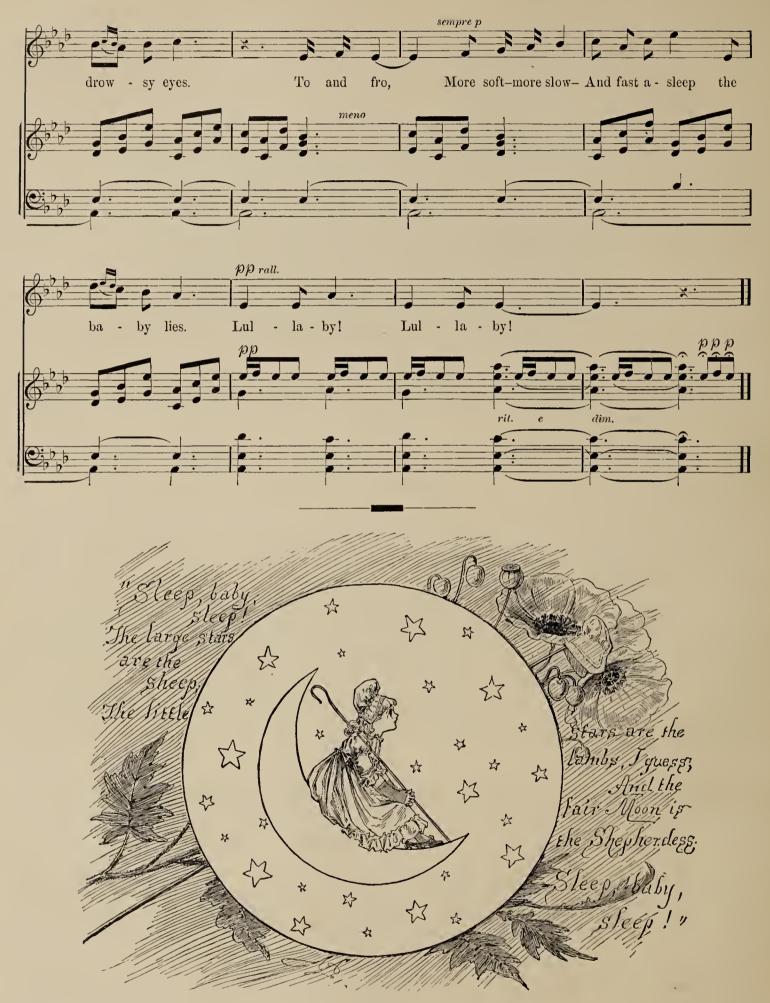


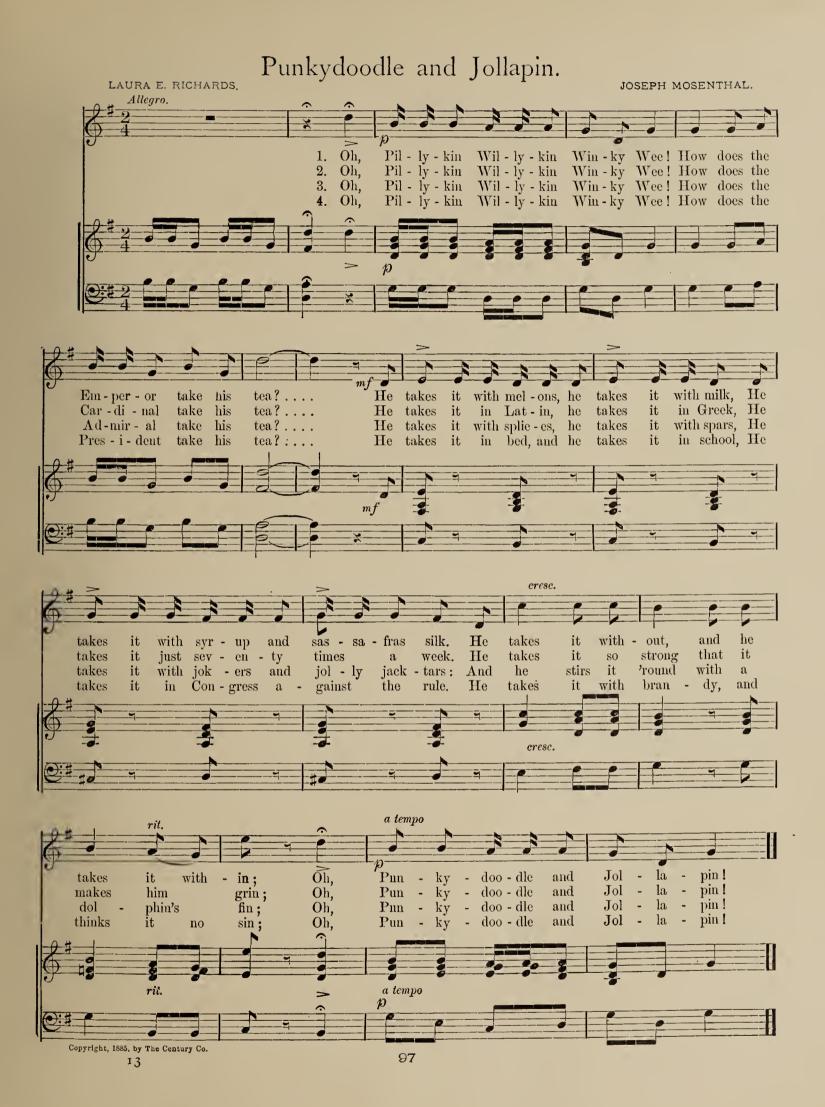








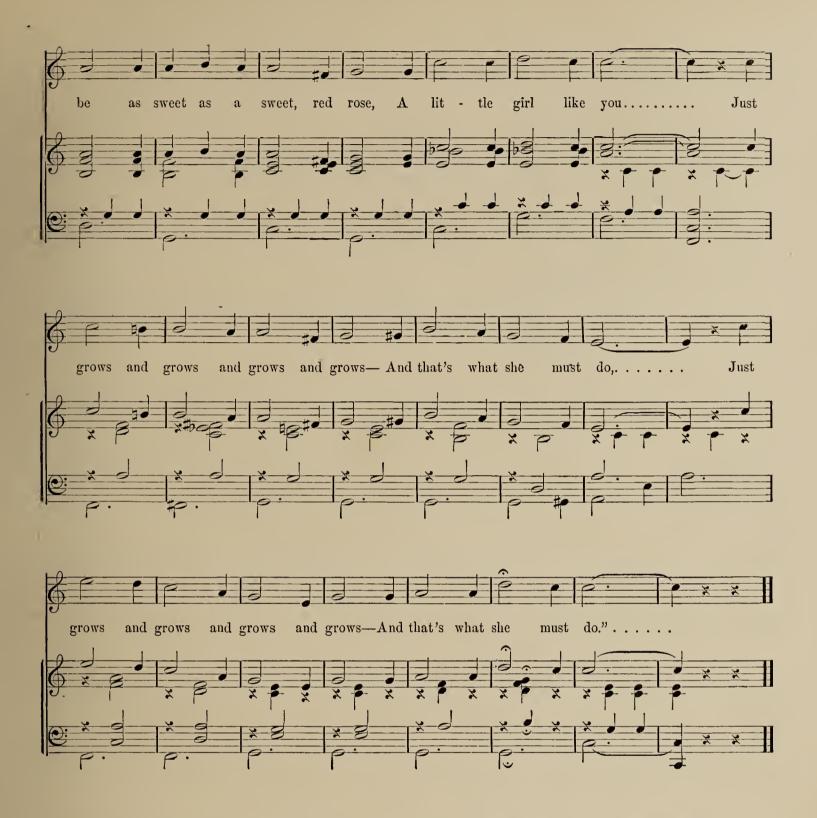


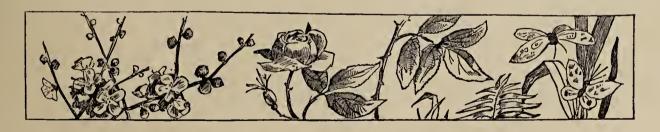


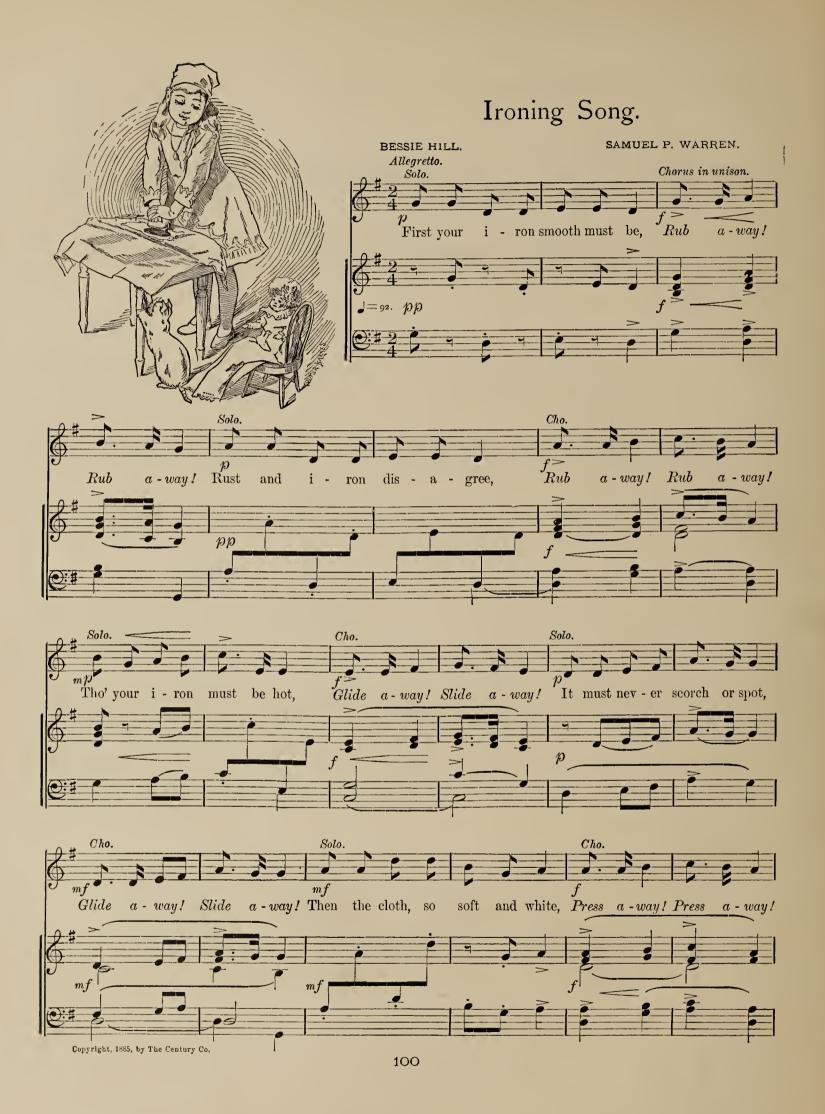


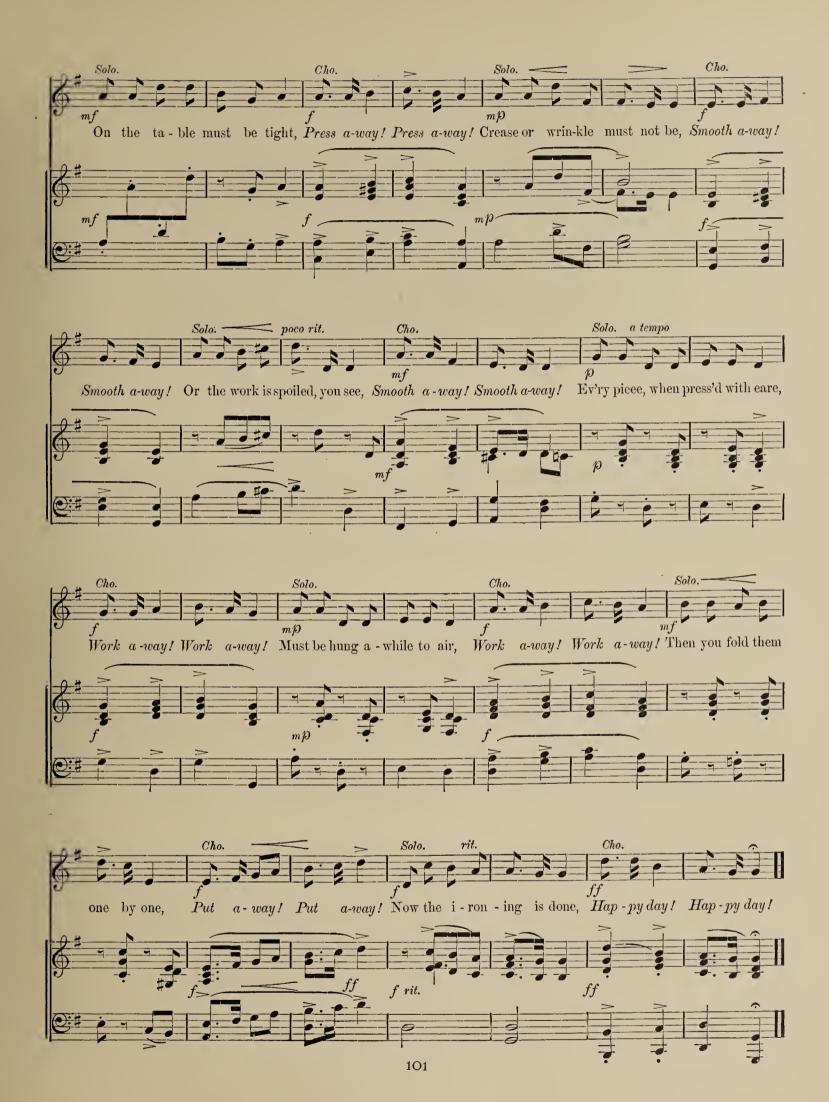
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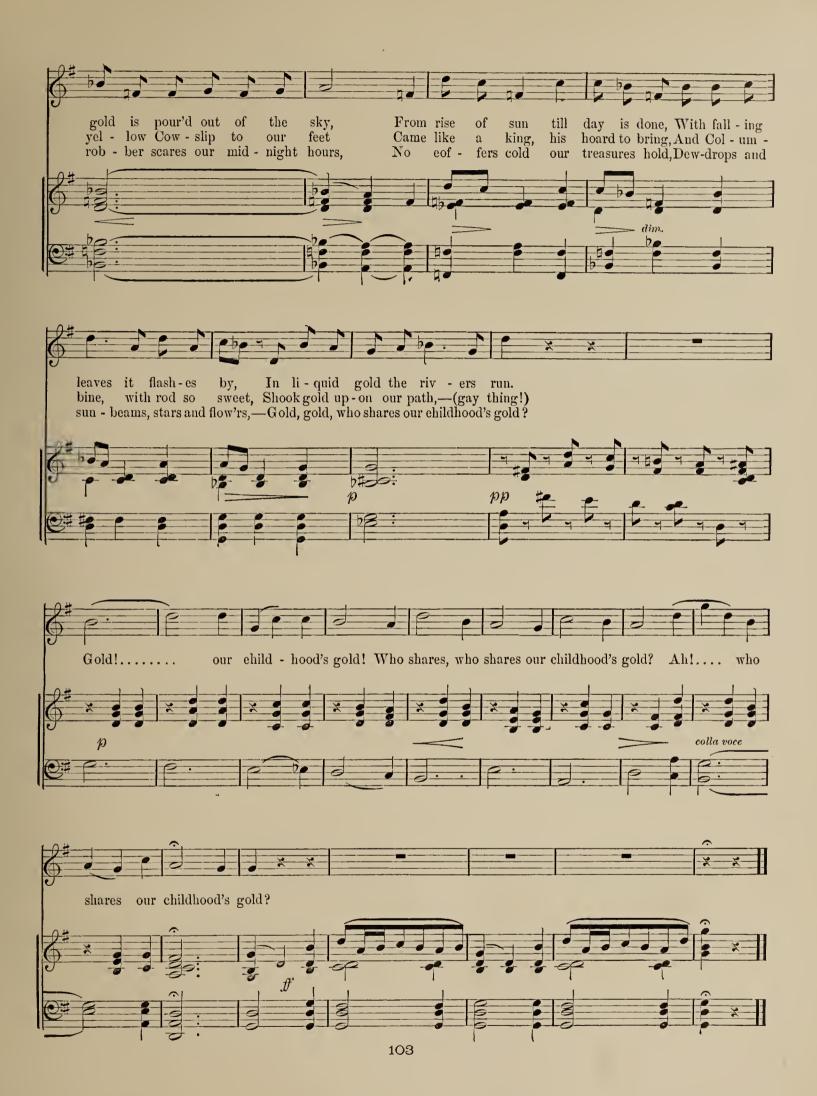


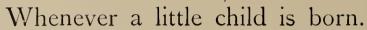


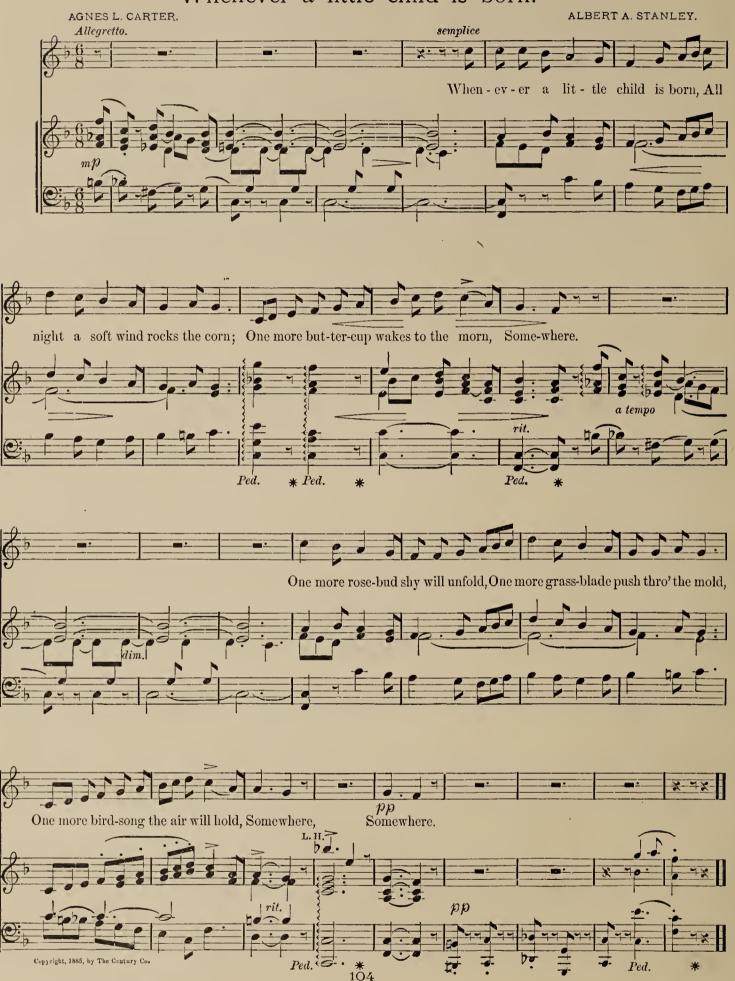










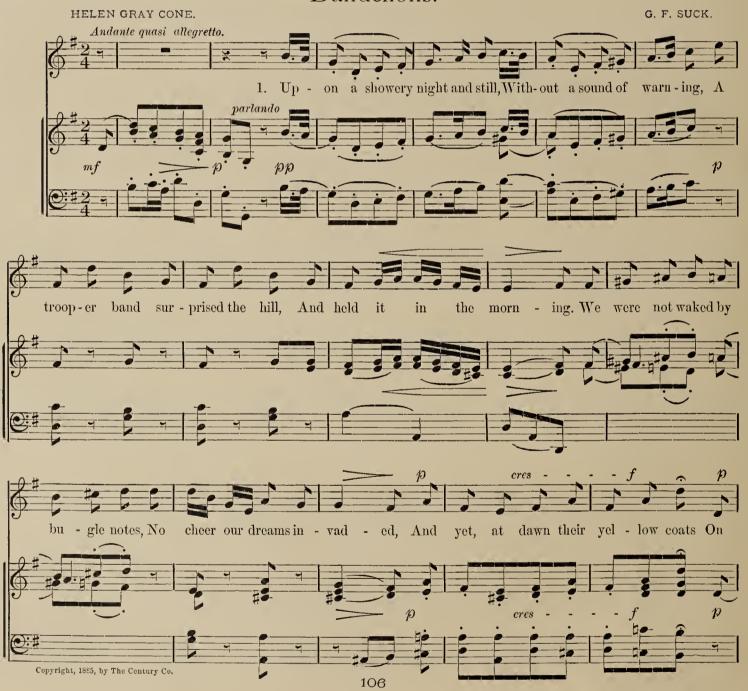


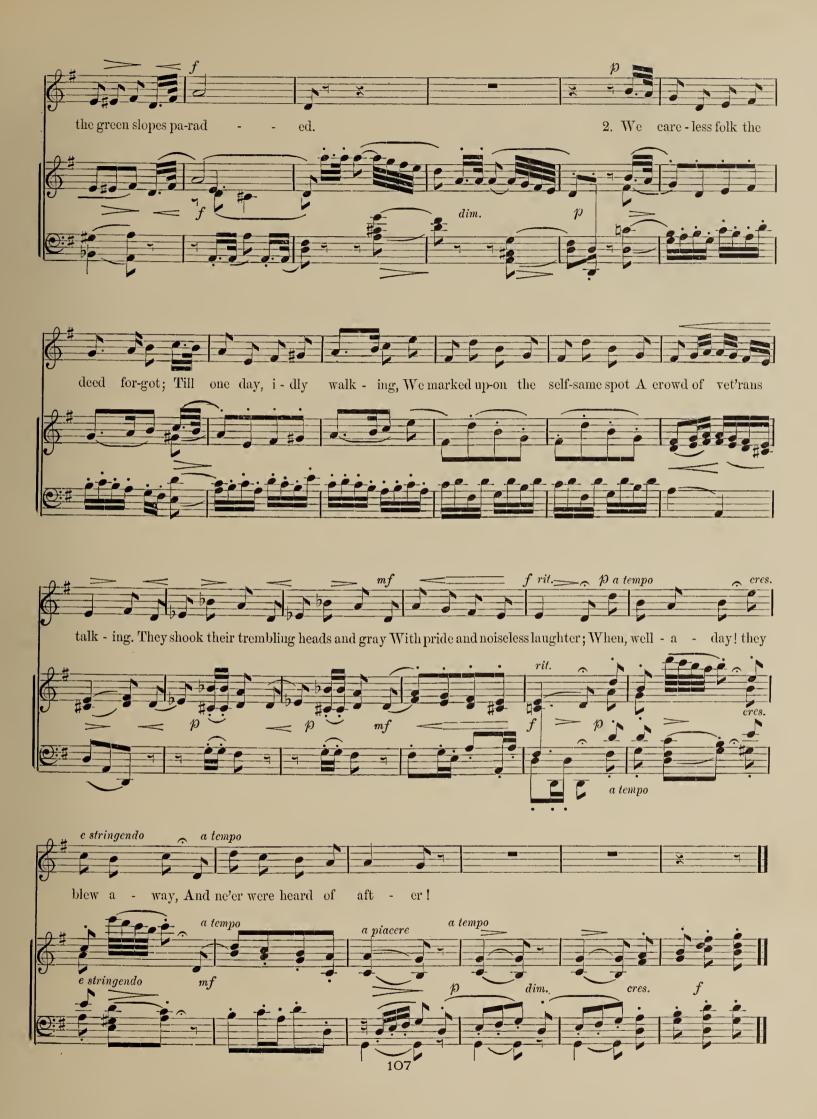




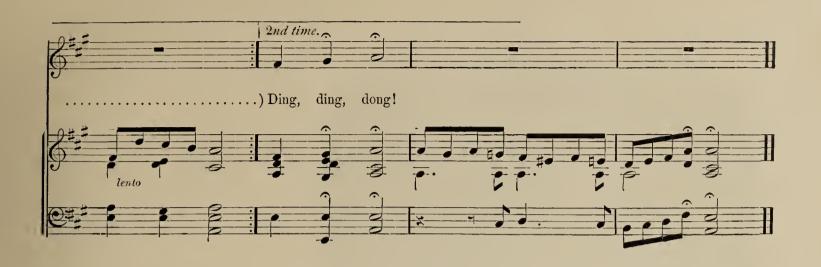


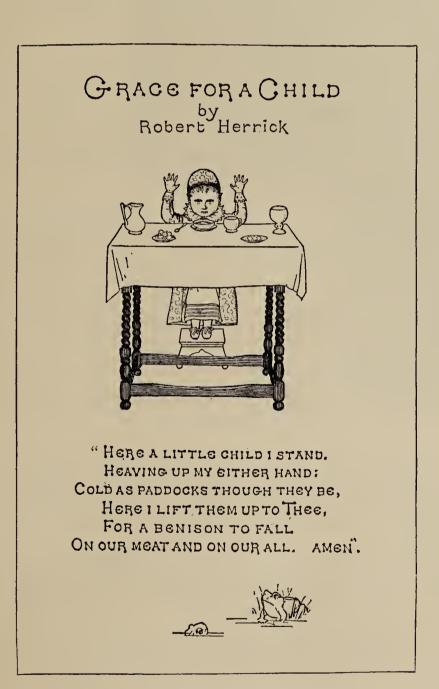
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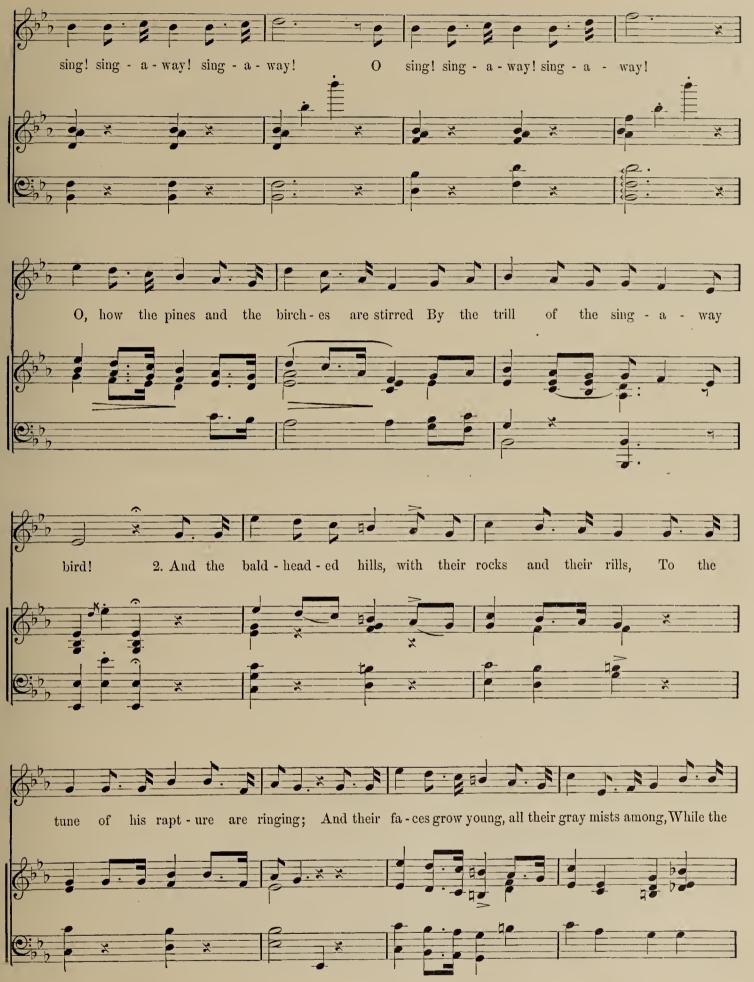


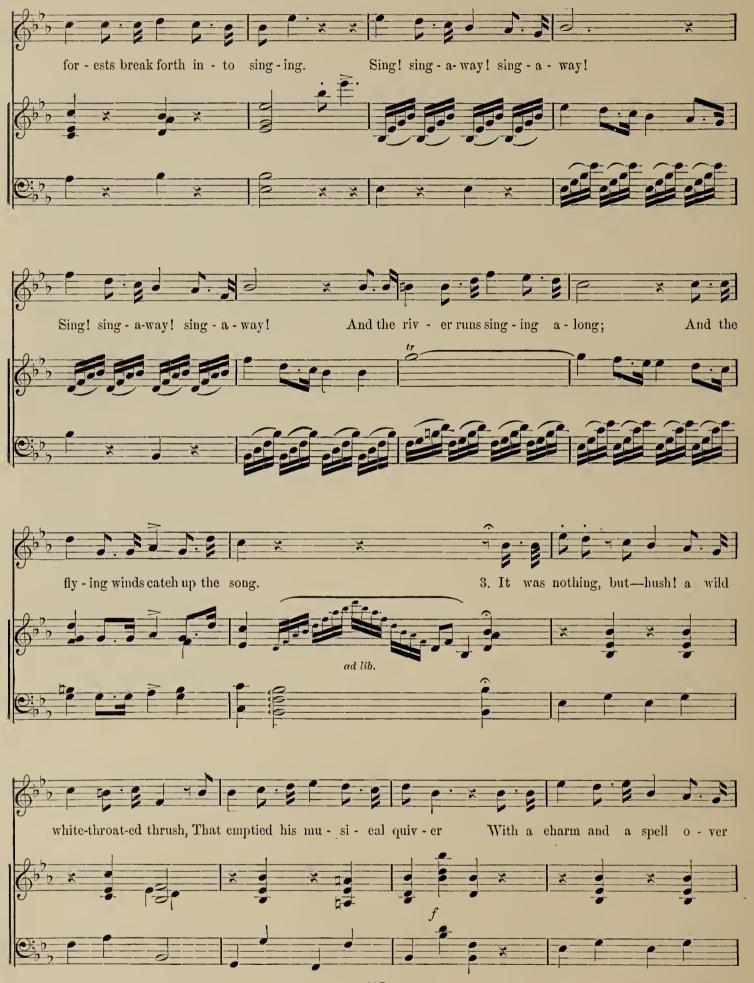


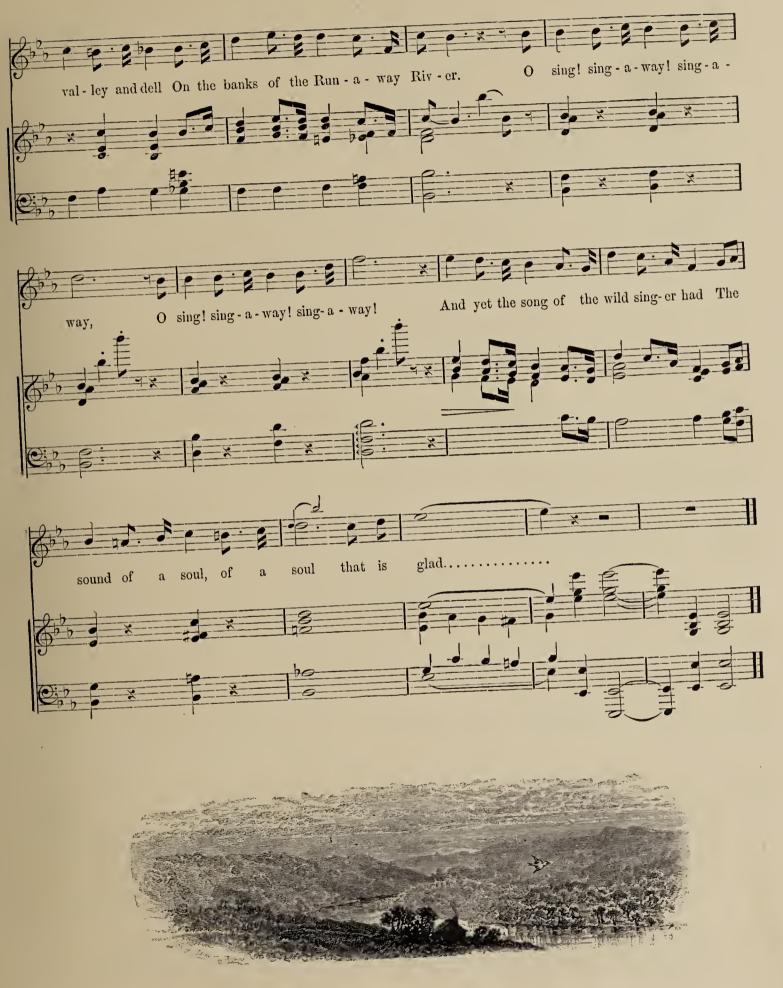






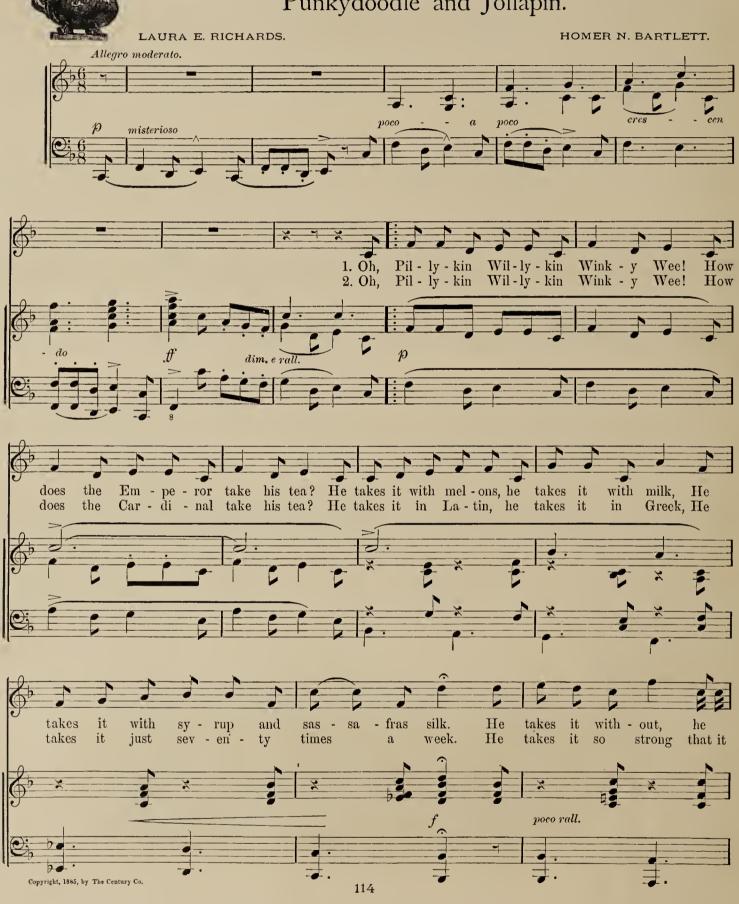


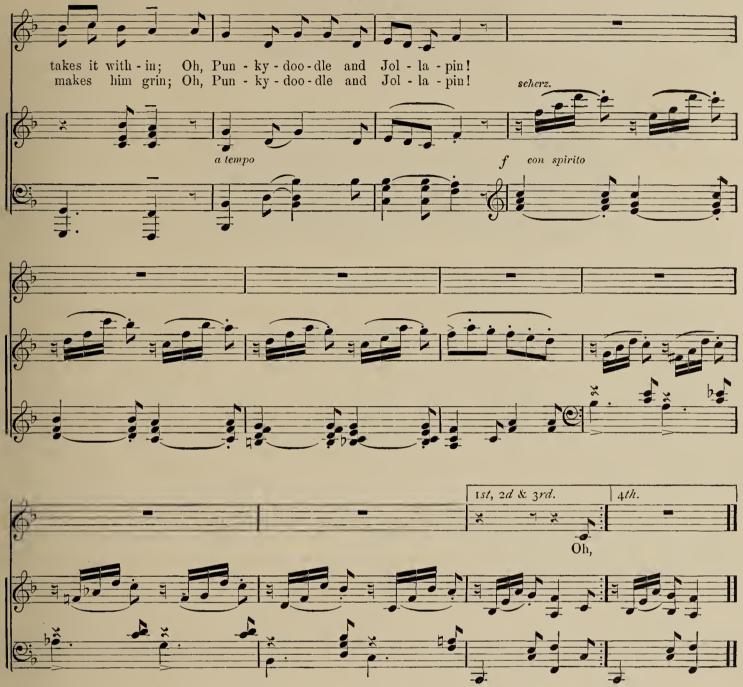






### Punkydoodle and Jollapin.





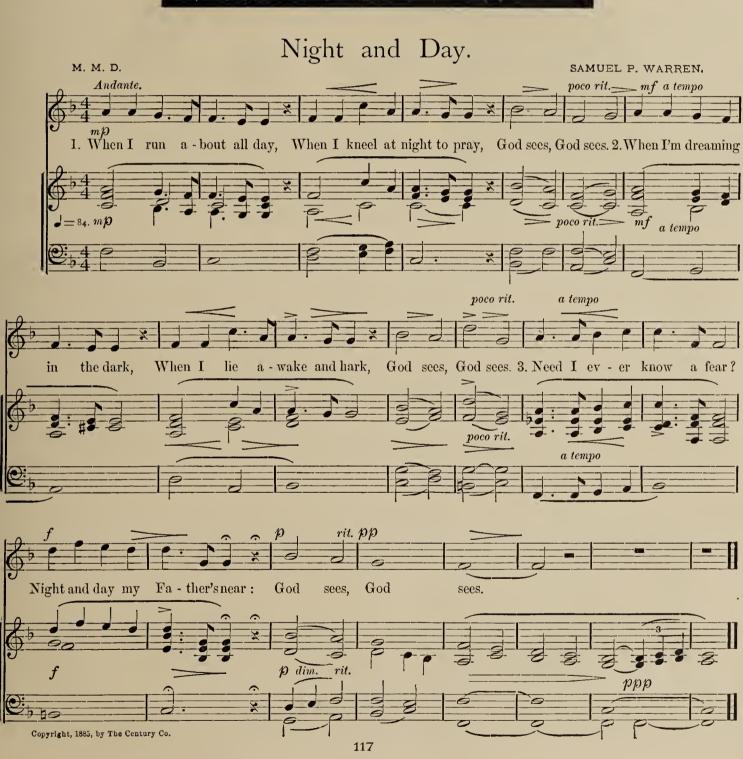
- 3 Oh, Pillykin Willykin Winky Wee!
  How does the Admiral take his tea?
  He takes it with splices, he takes it with spars,
  He takes it with jokers and jolly jack-tars,
  And stirs it round with a dolphin's fin;
  Oh, Punkydoodle and Jollapin!
- 4 Oh, Pillykin Willikin Winky Wee!
  How does the President take his tea?
  He takes it in bed, and he takes it in school,
  He takes it in Congress against the rule.
  He takes it with brandy, and thinks it no sin;
  Oh, Punkydoodle and Jollapin!





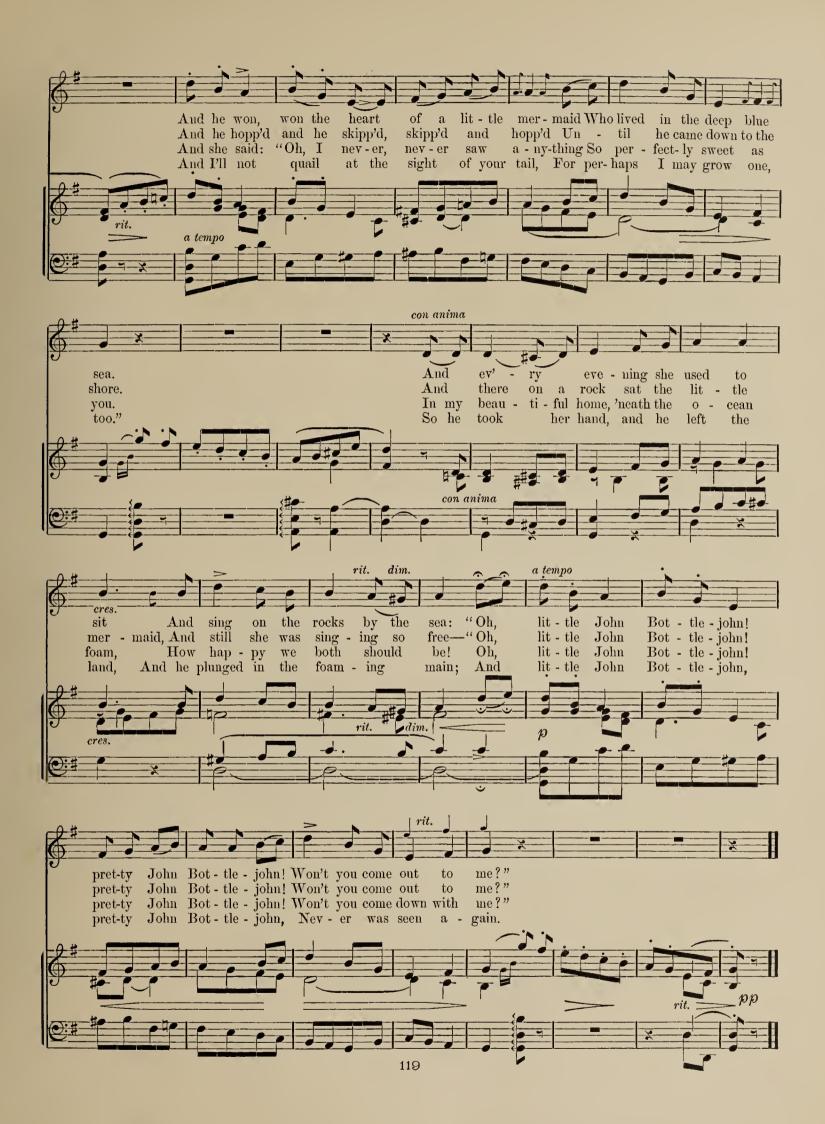




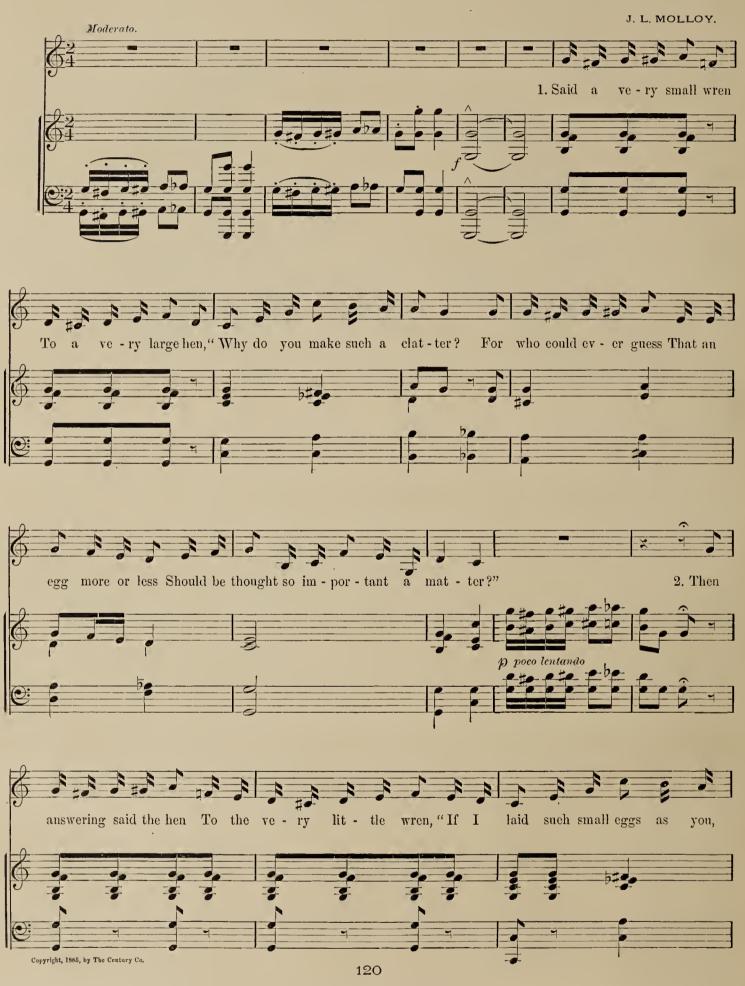






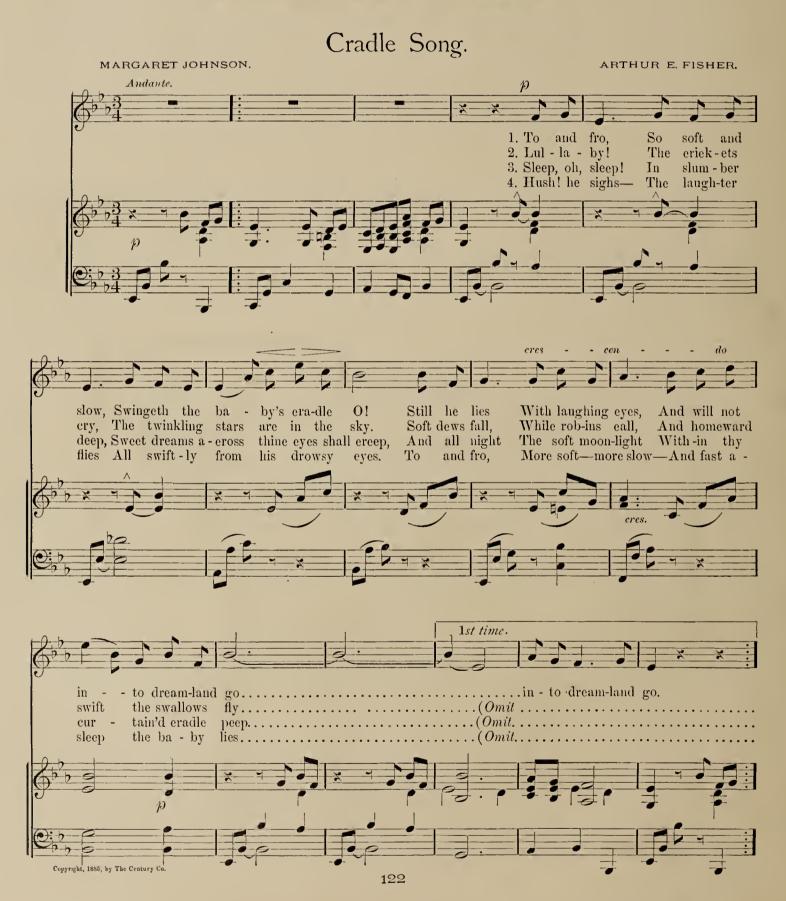


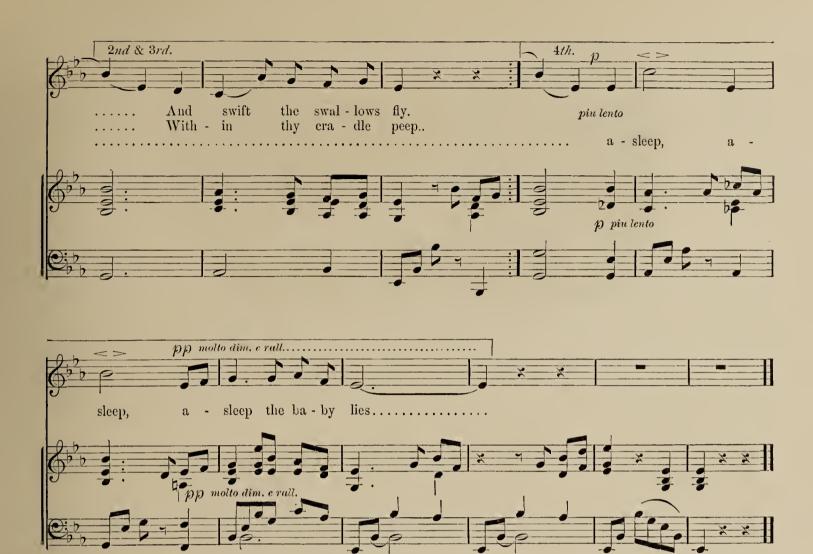
The Wren and the Hen.



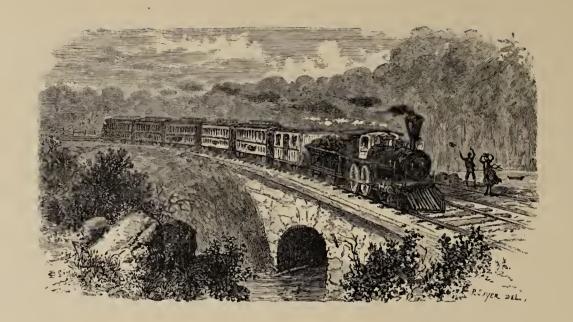












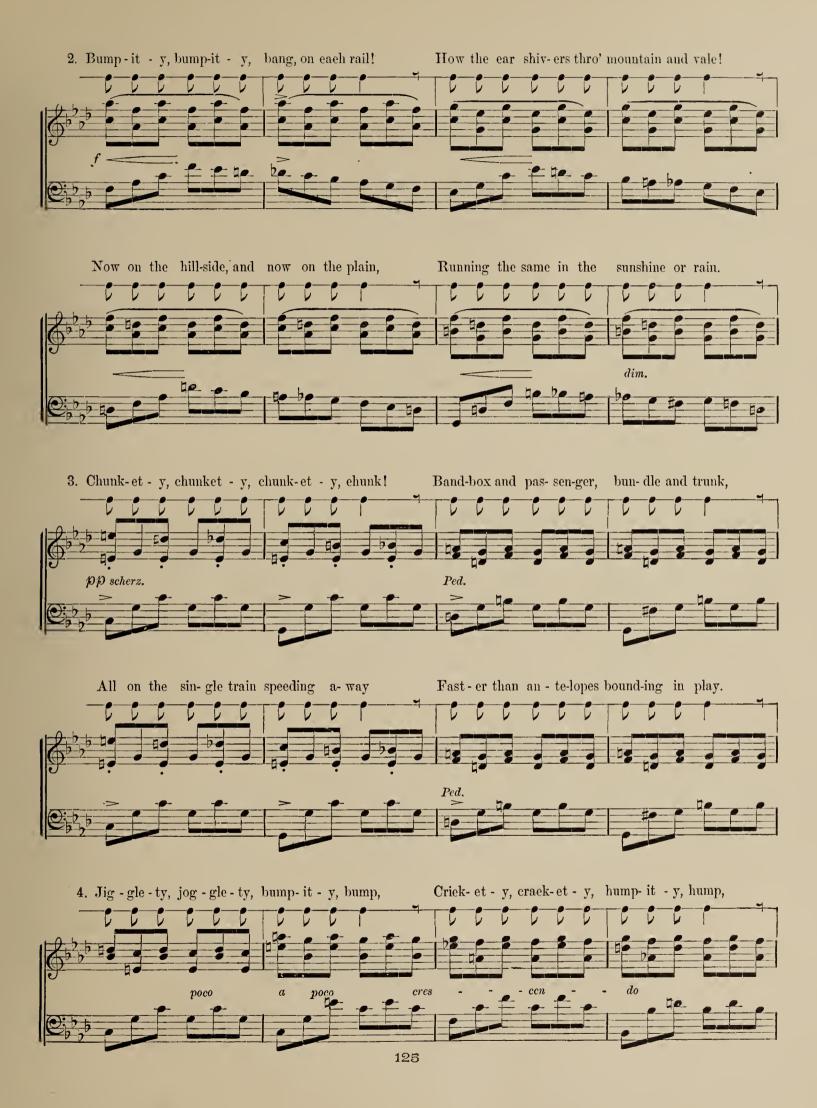
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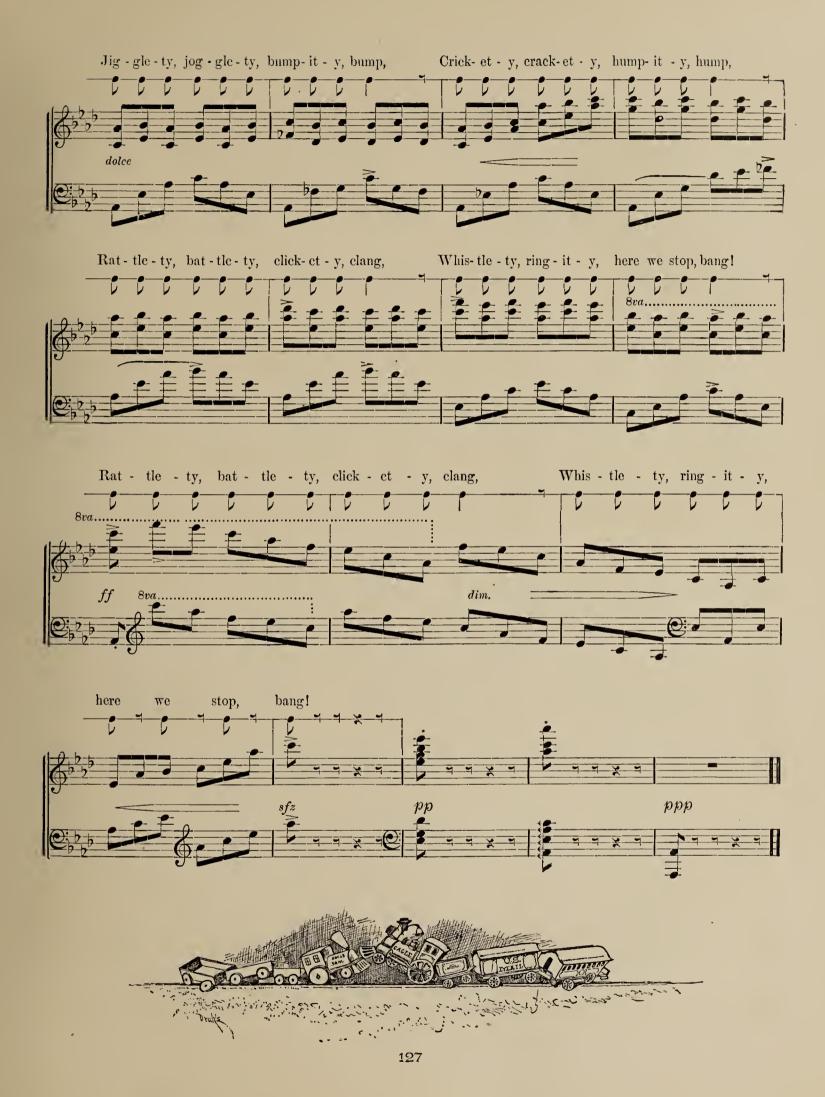




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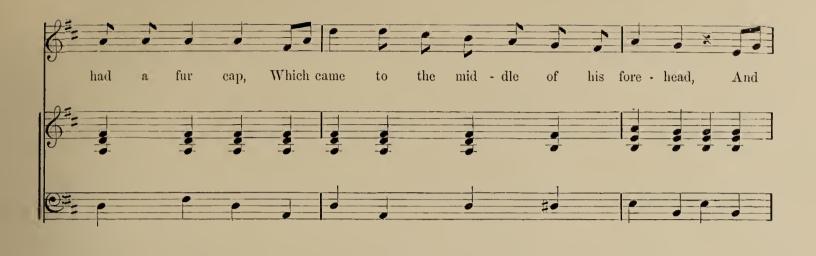


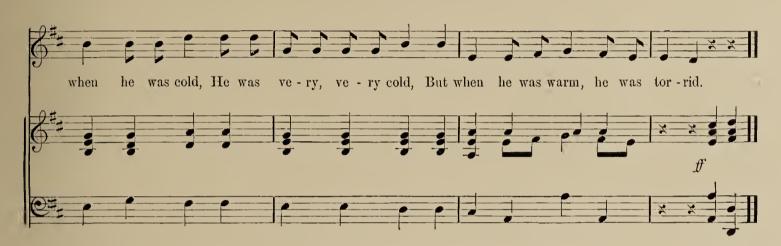


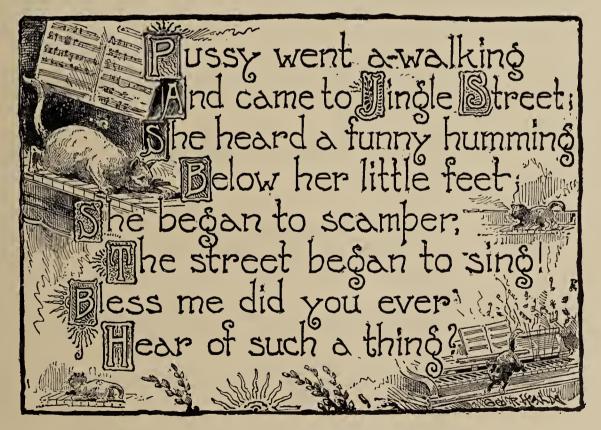


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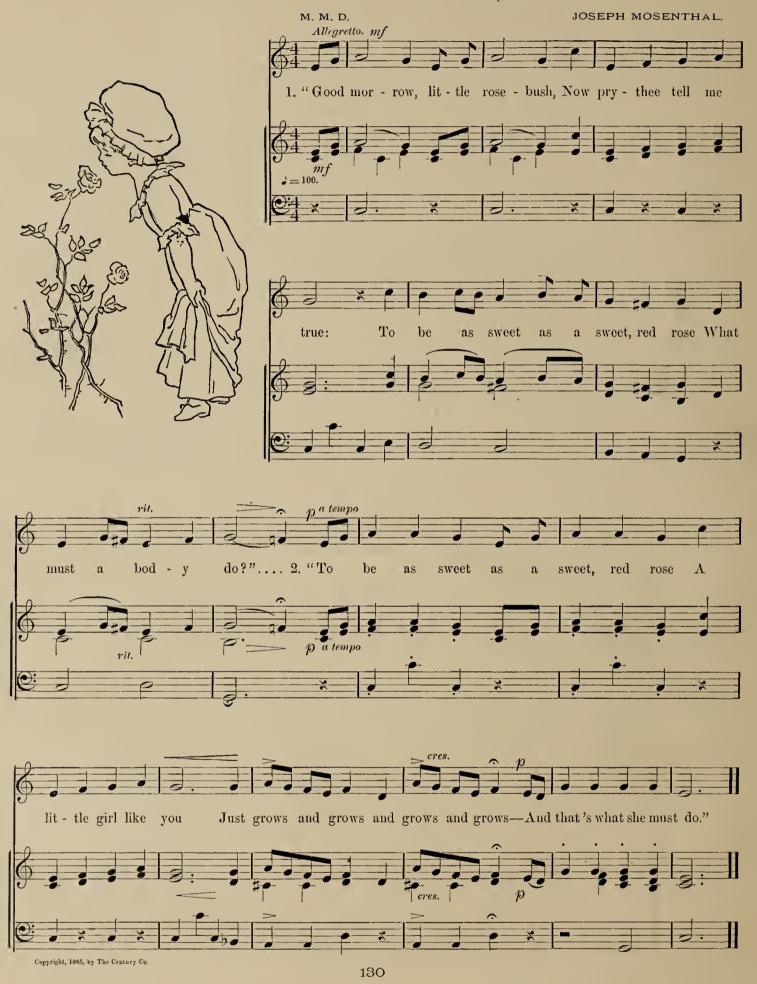


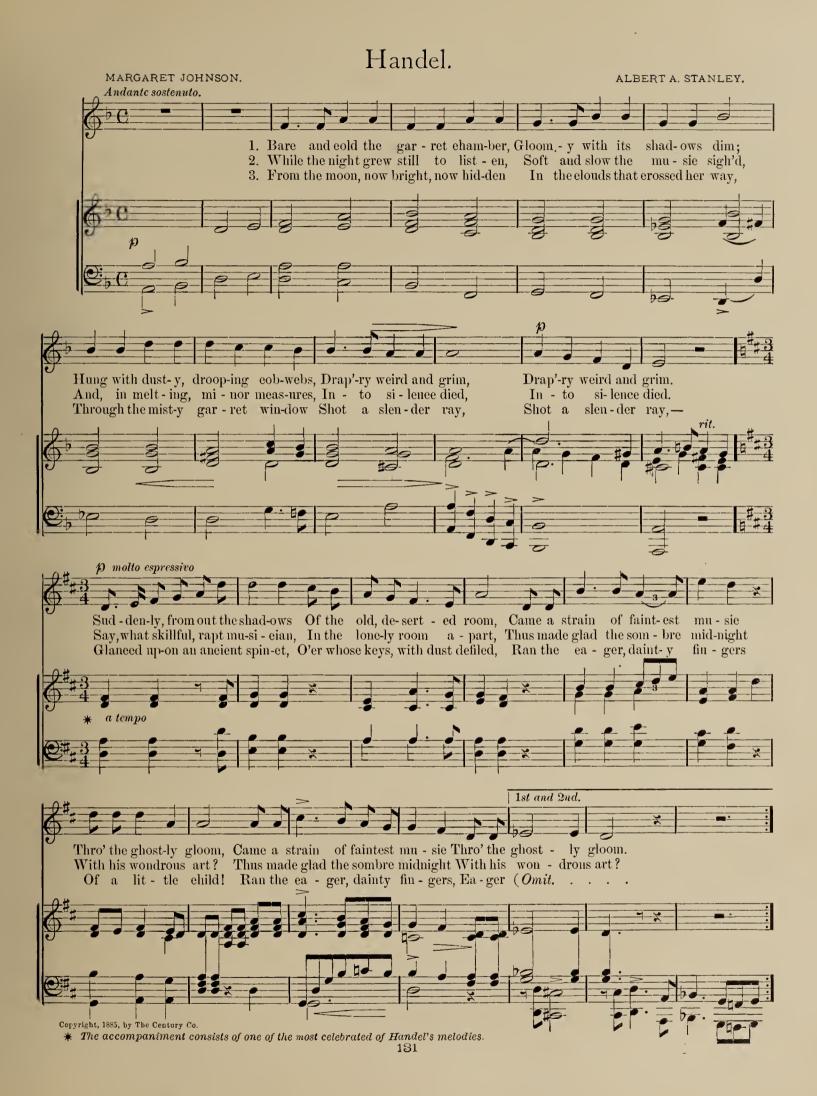


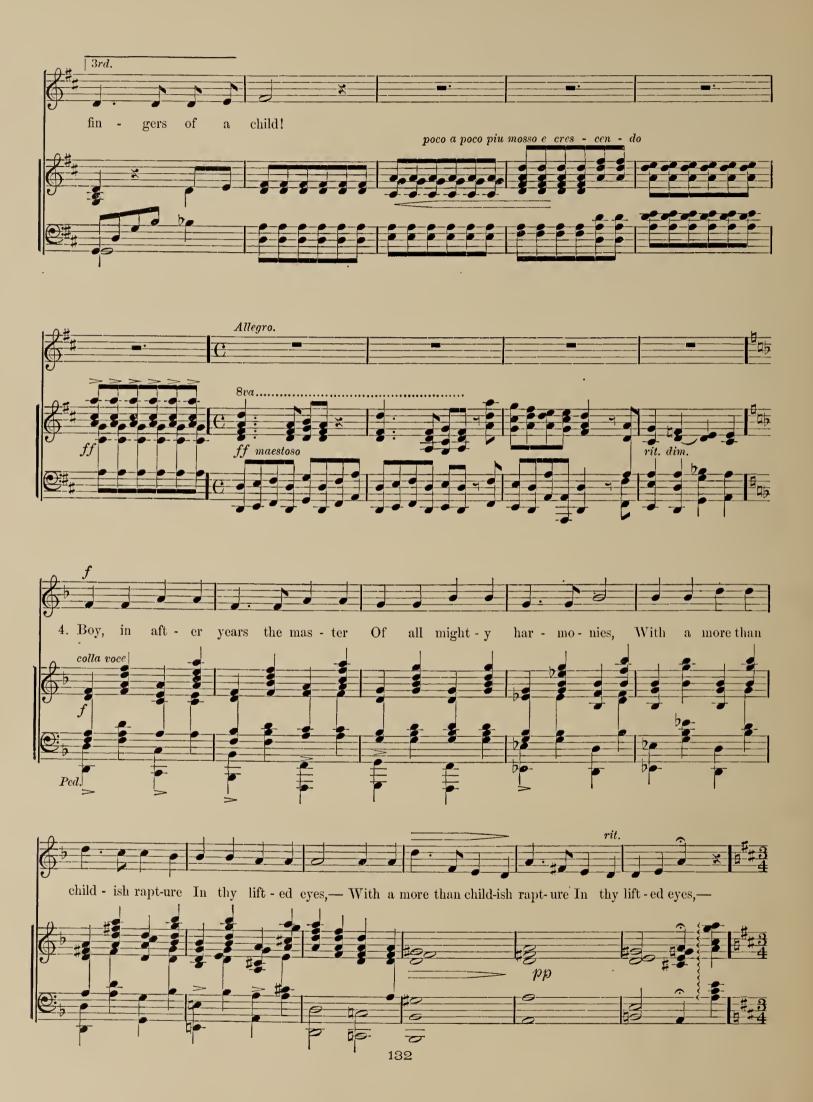


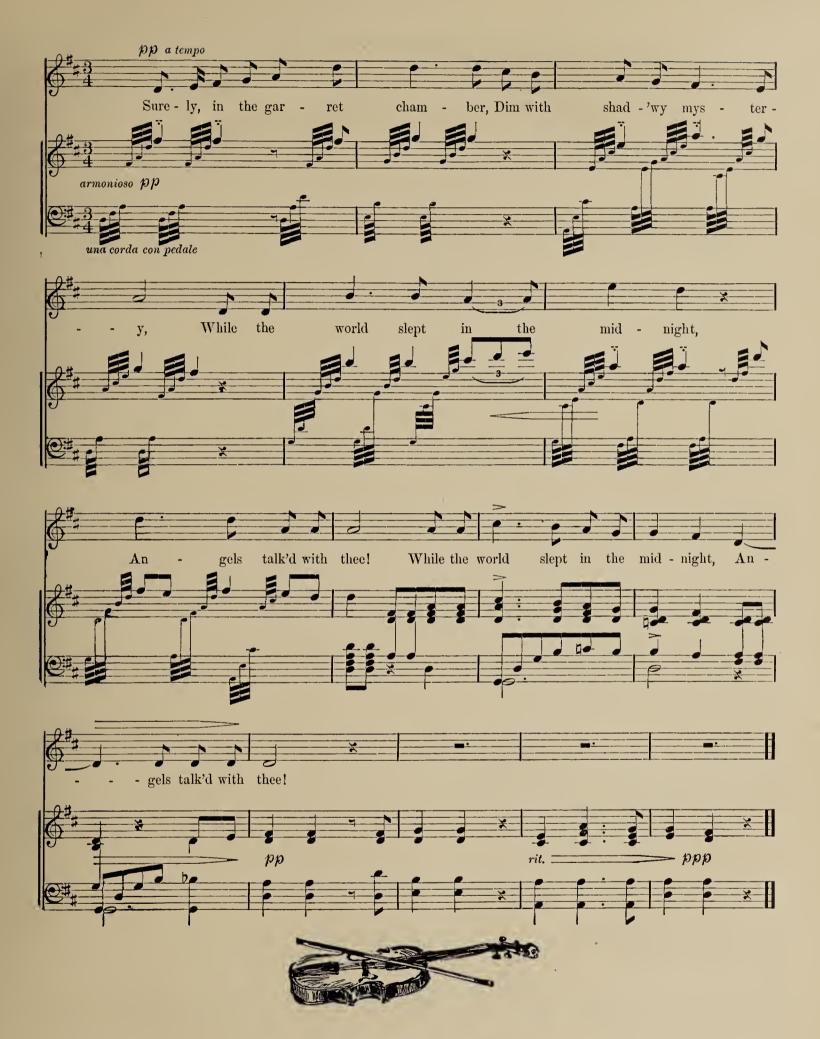


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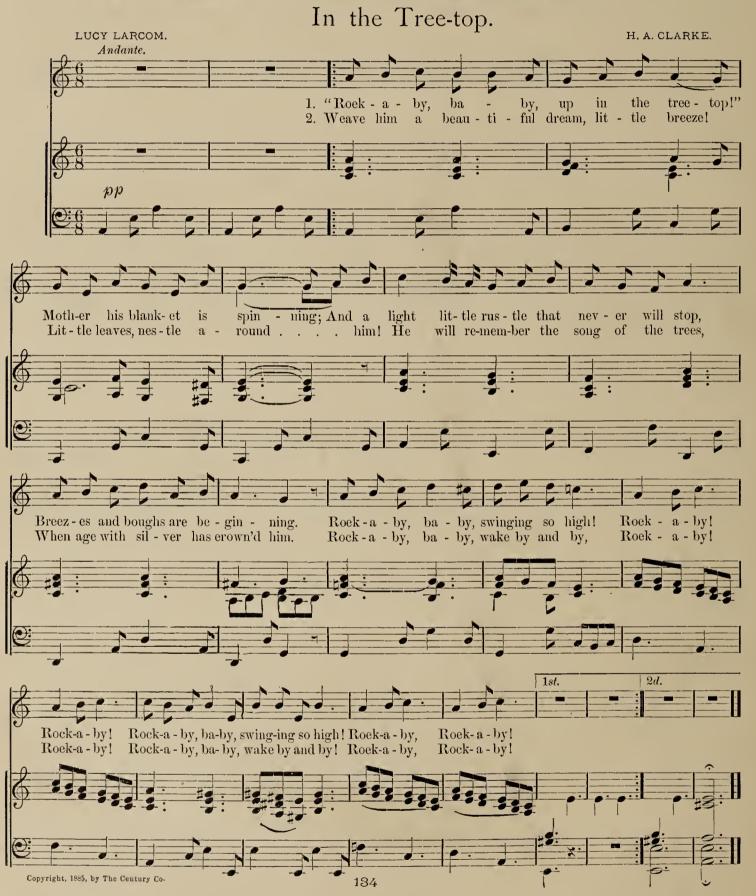


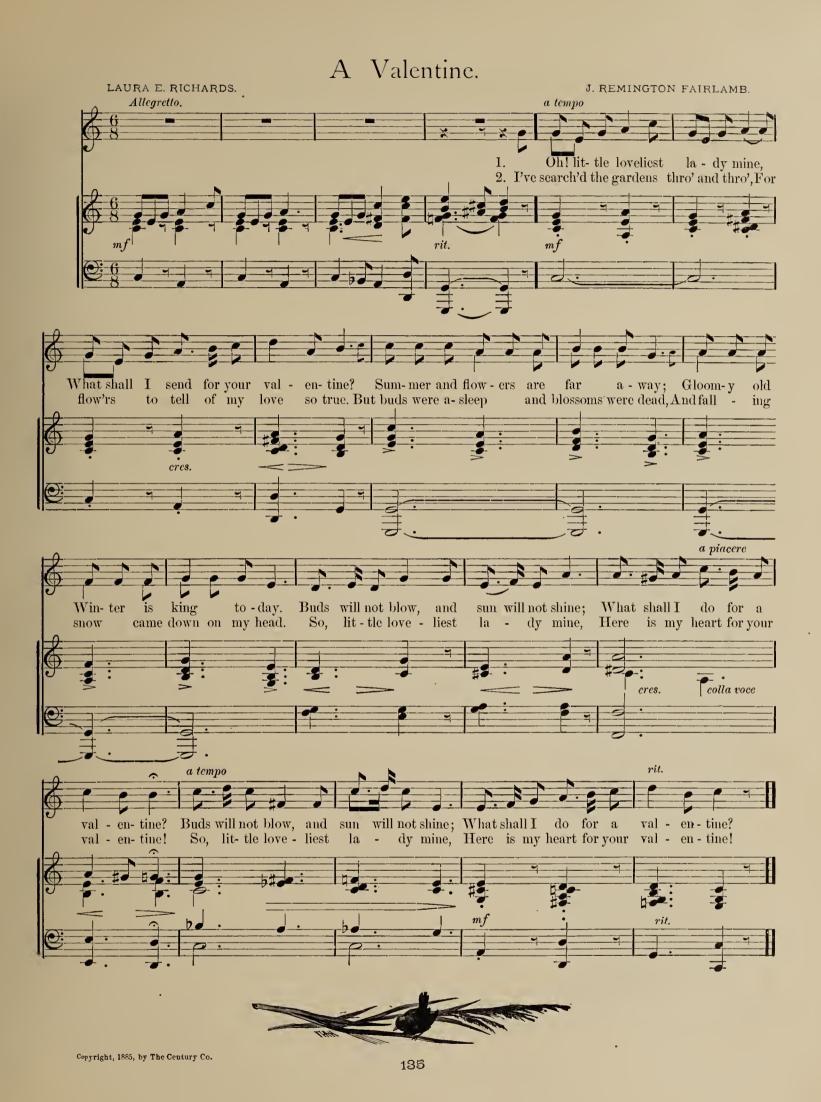




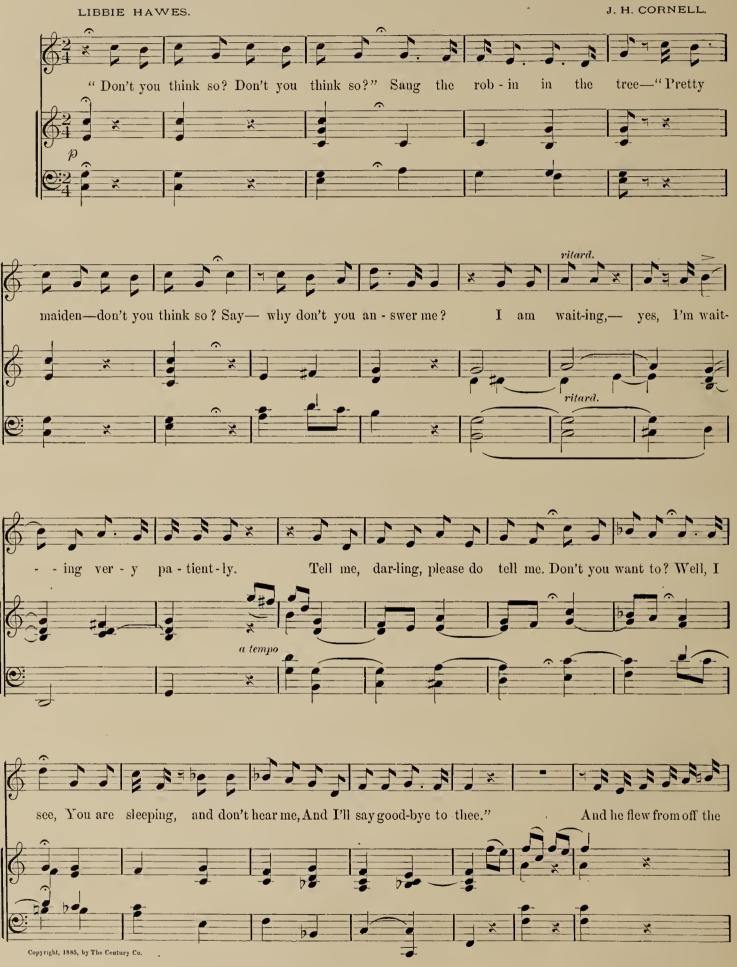








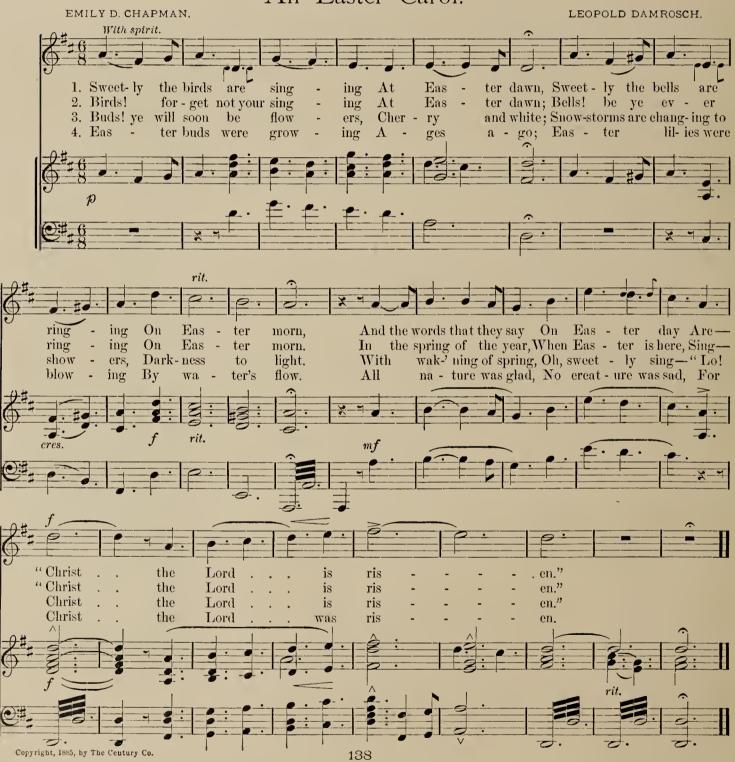
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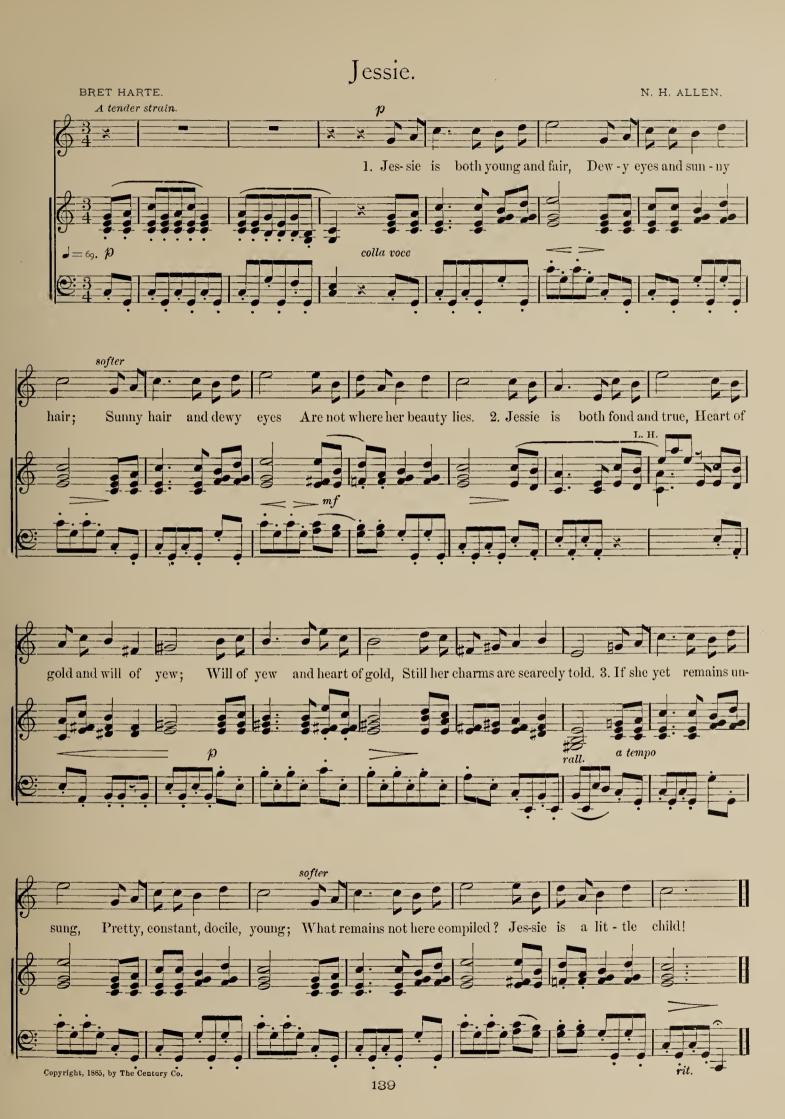




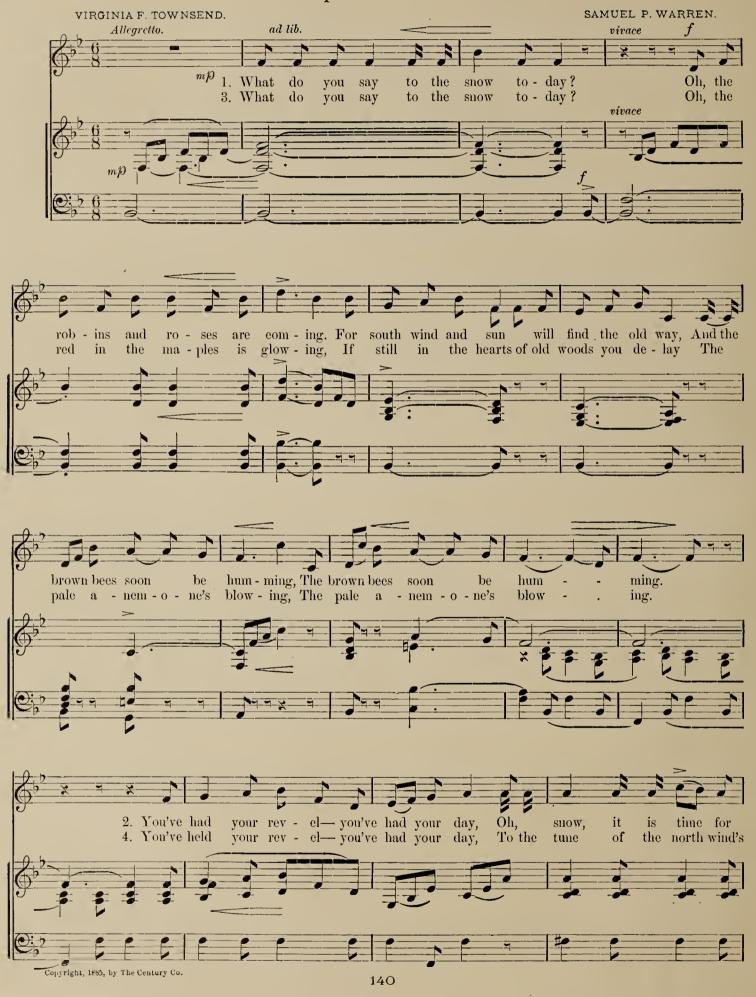


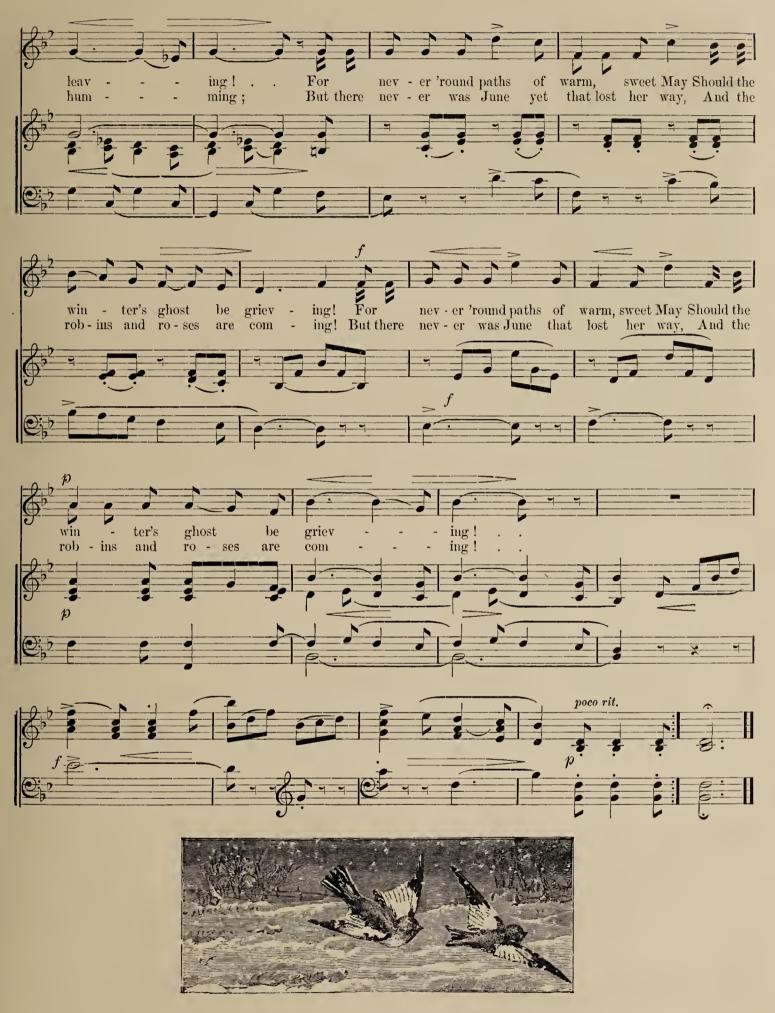


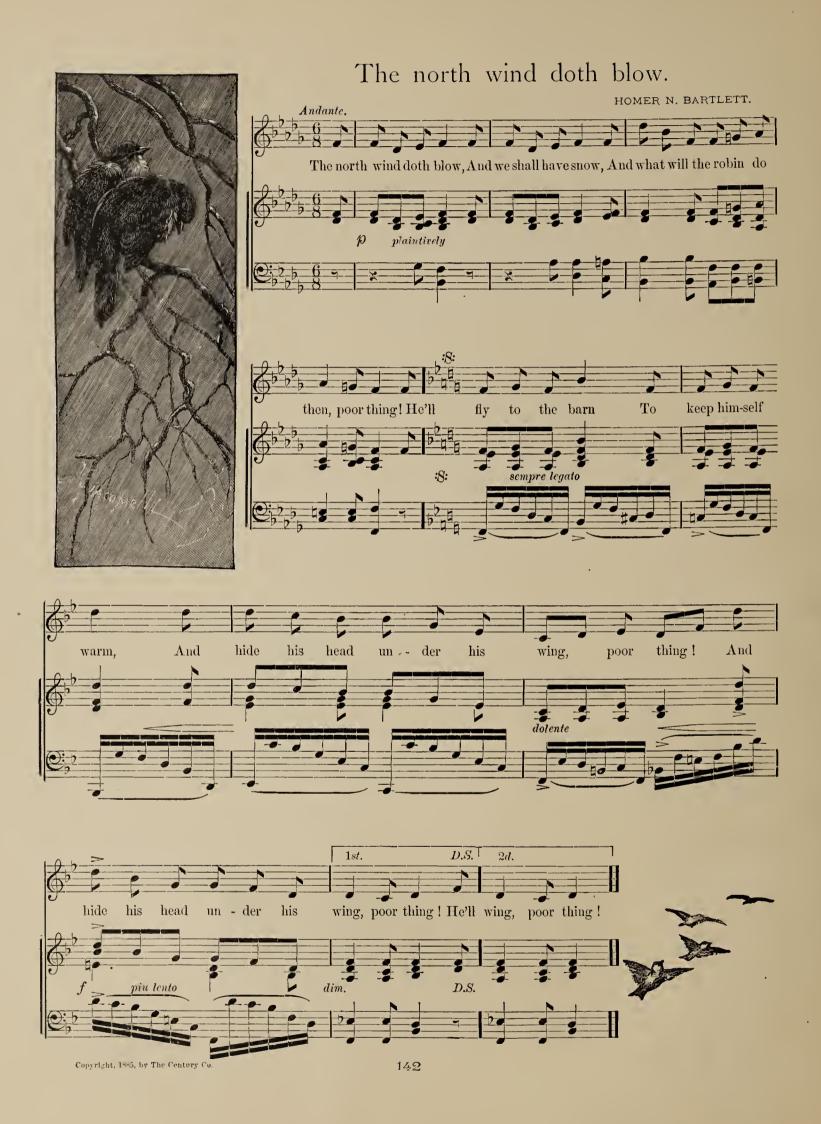




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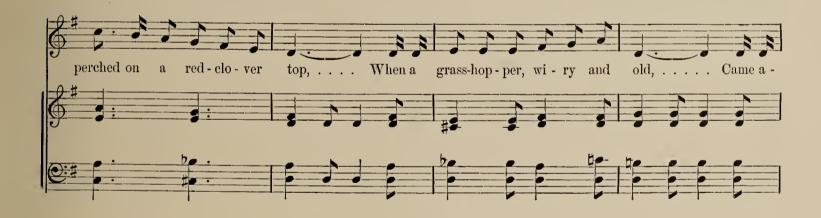




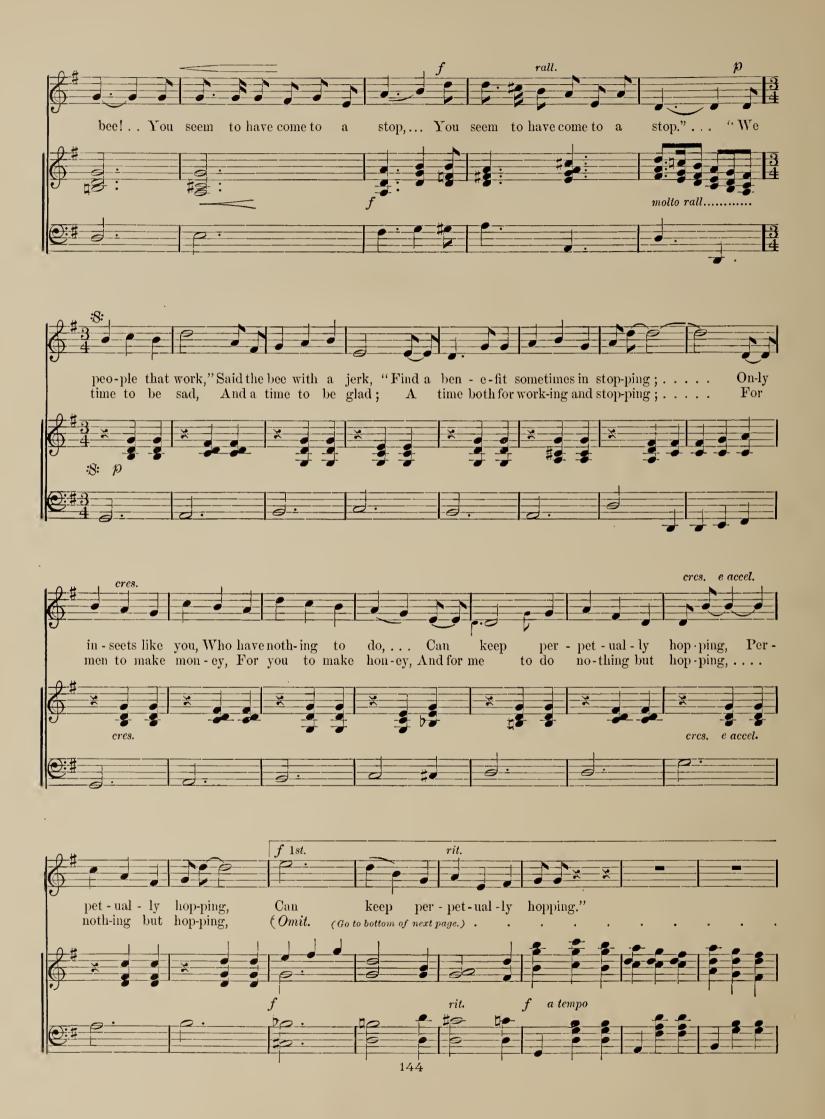


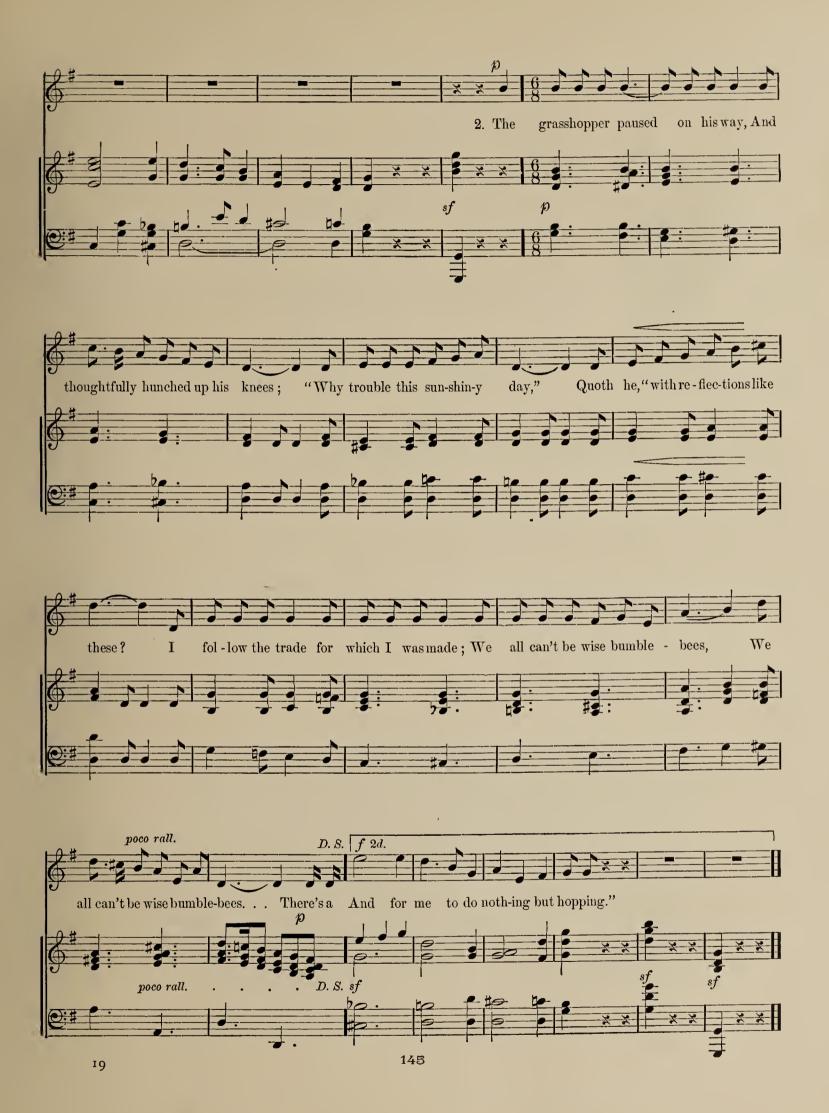


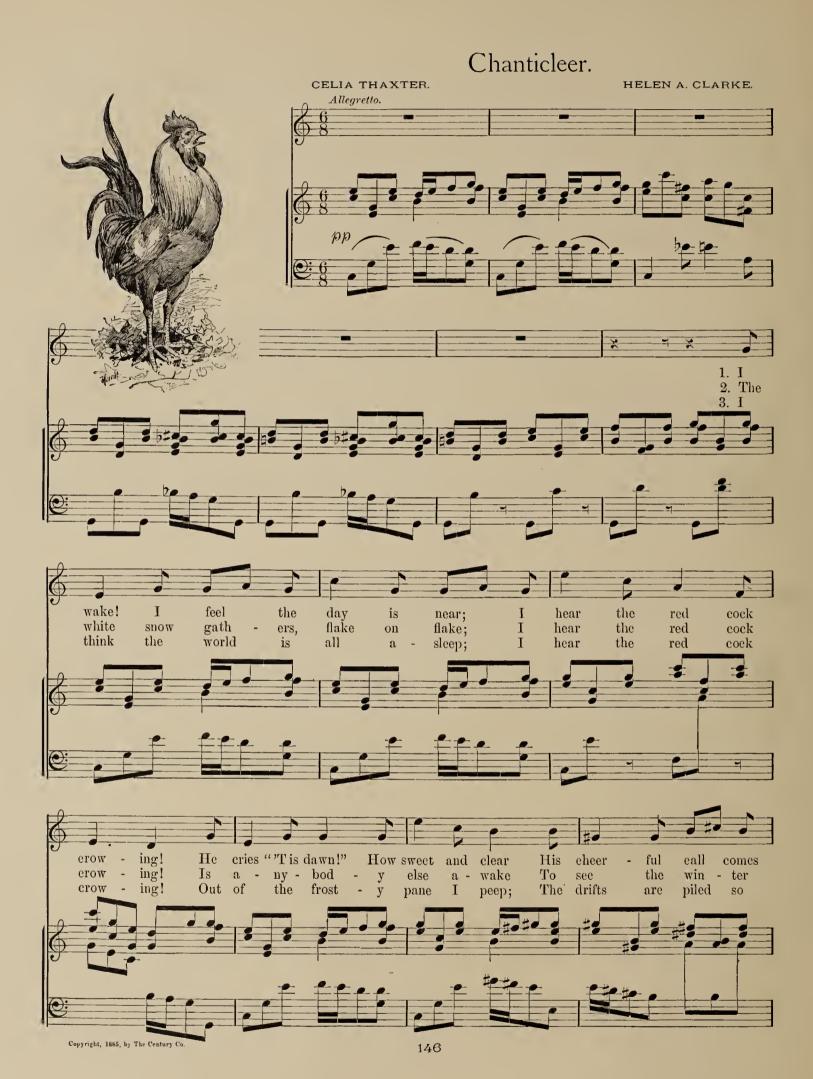










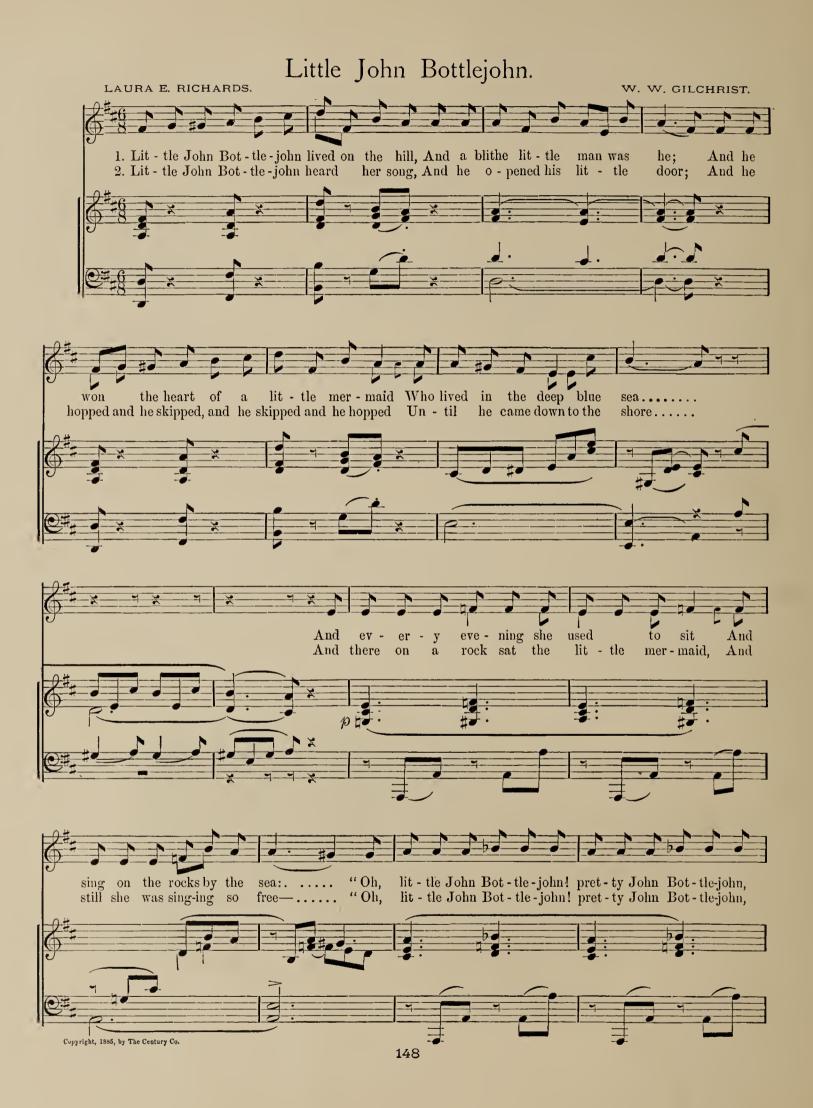


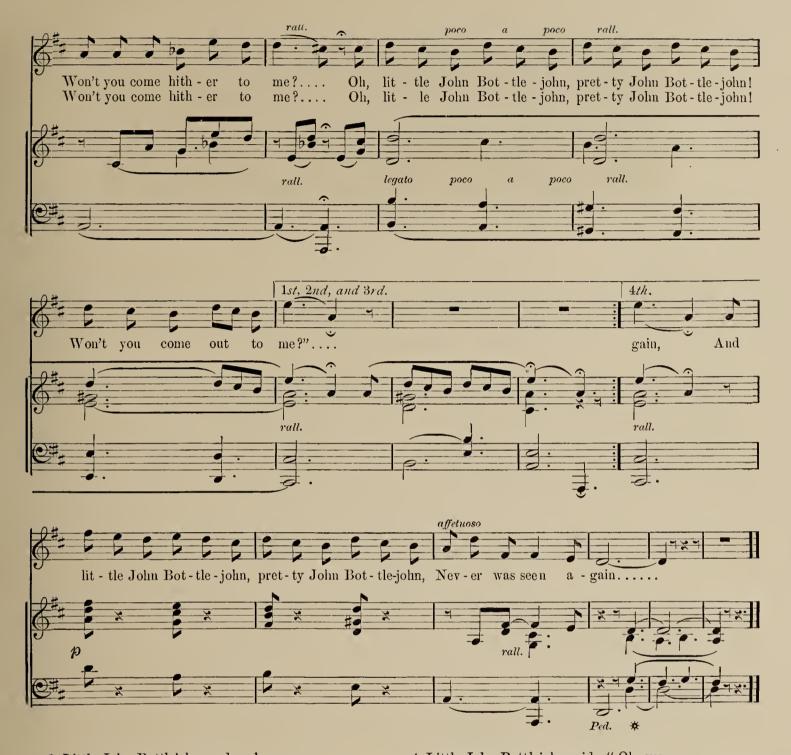


4 Nothing I see has shape or form:
 I hear the red cock crowing!
But that dear voice comes through the storm
To greet mc in my nest so warm,
 As if the sky were glowing!

5 A happy little child, I lie
And hear the red cock crowing.
The day is dark. I wonder why
His voice rings out so brave and high,
With gladness overflowing.







3 Little John Bottlejohn made a bow, And the mermaid she made one, too, And she said: "Oh! I never saw anything half So perfectly sweet as you.

In my beautiful home, 'neath the ocean foam
How happy we both should be!

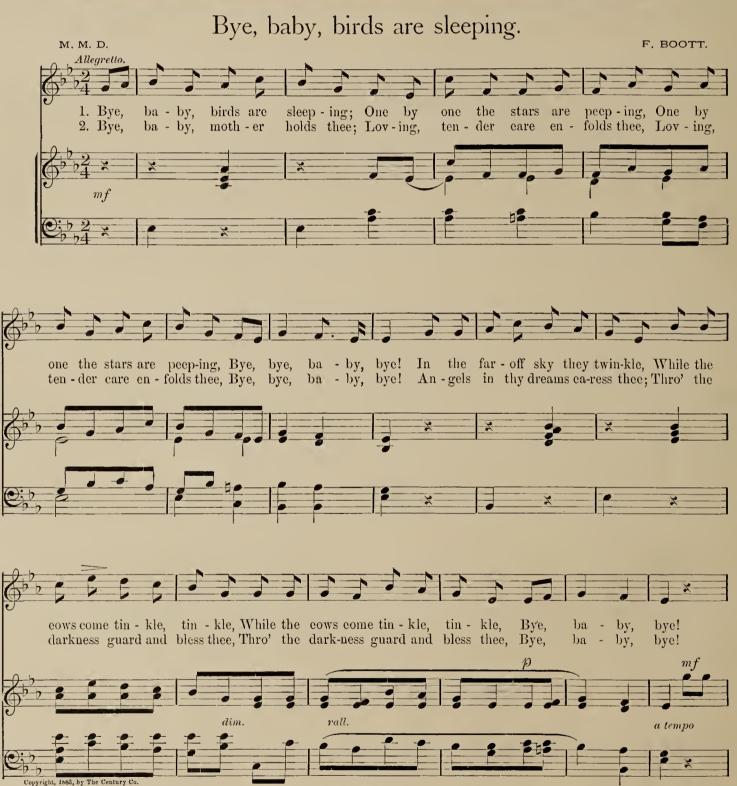
Oh, little John Bottlejohn! pretty John Bottlejohn!
Won't you come down with me?"

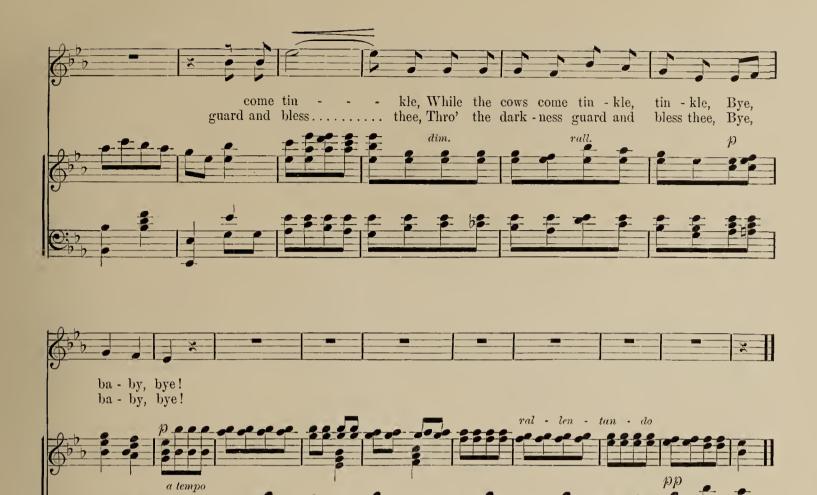
4 Little John Bottlejohn said: "Oh, yes, I'll willingly go with you; And I never will quail at the sight of your tail, For perhaps I may grow one too."
So he took her hand, and he left the land,
And plunged in the foaming main;

And little John Bottlejohn, pretty John Bottlejohn, Never was seen again.



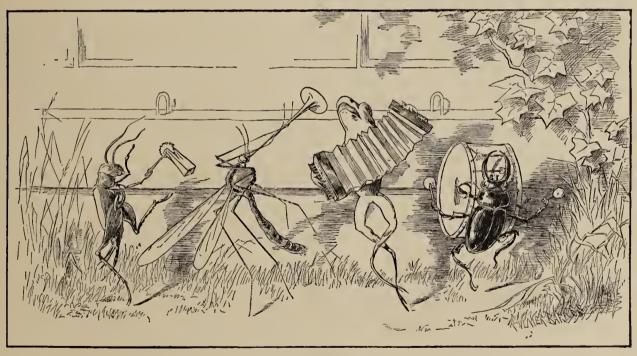






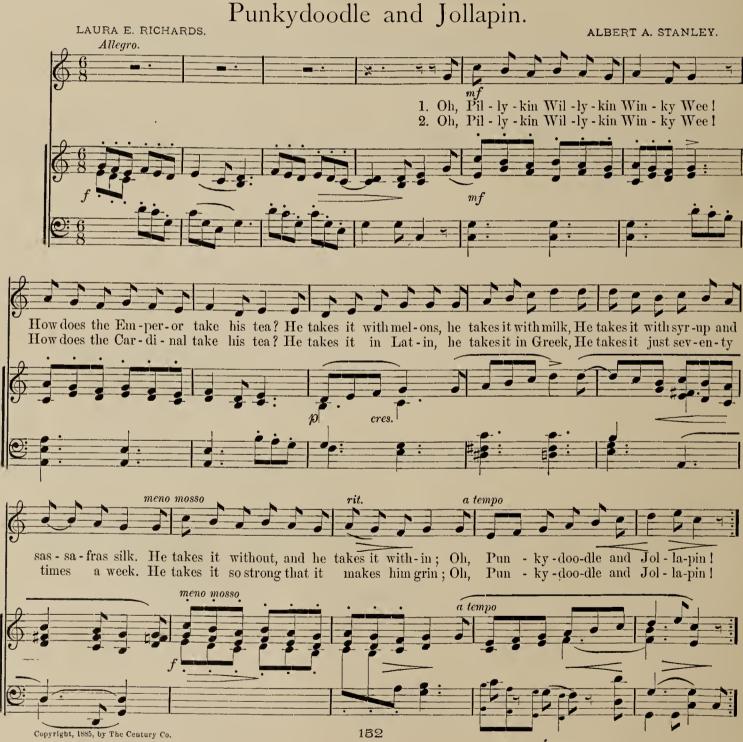


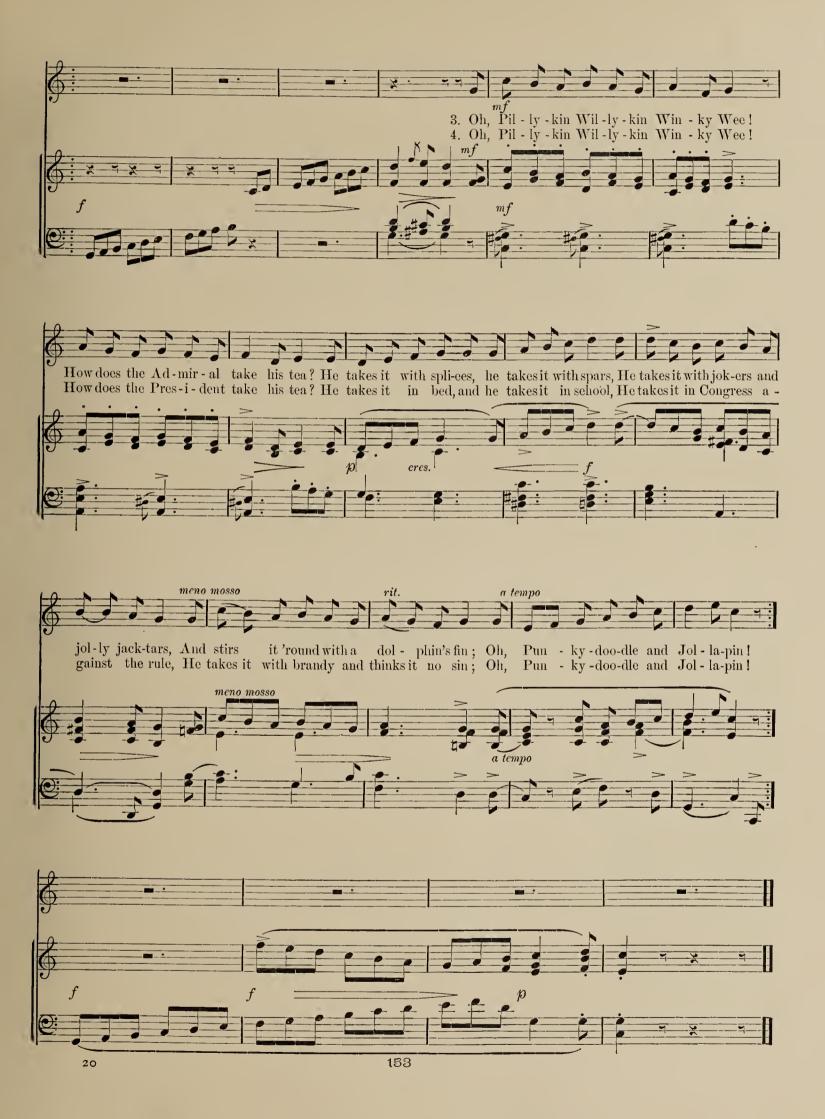
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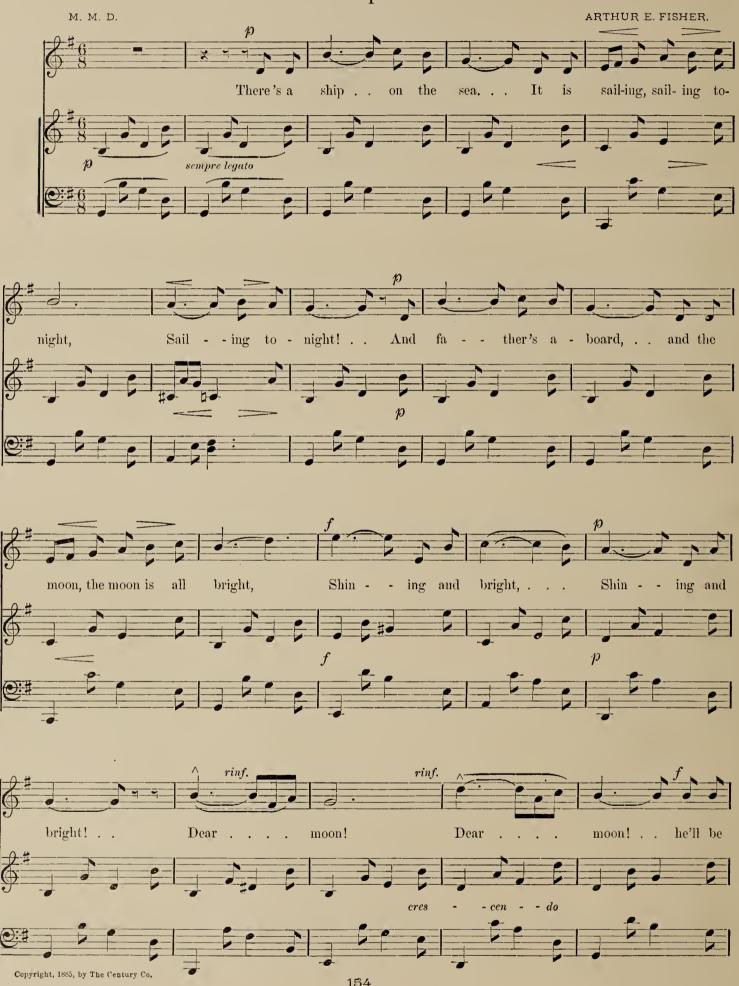


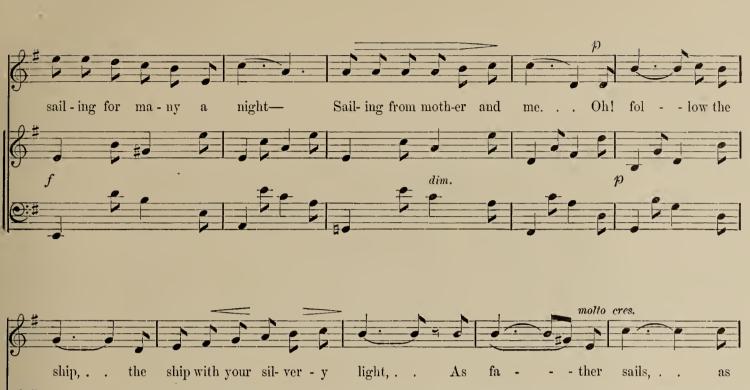


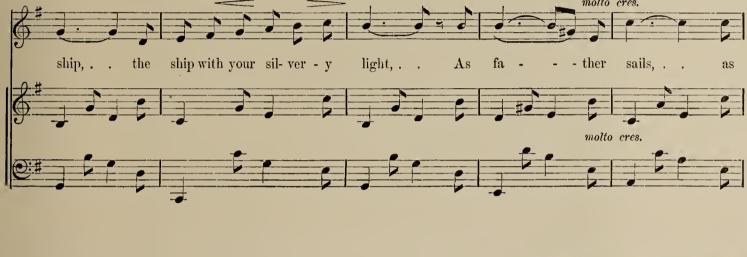




There's a ship on the sea.



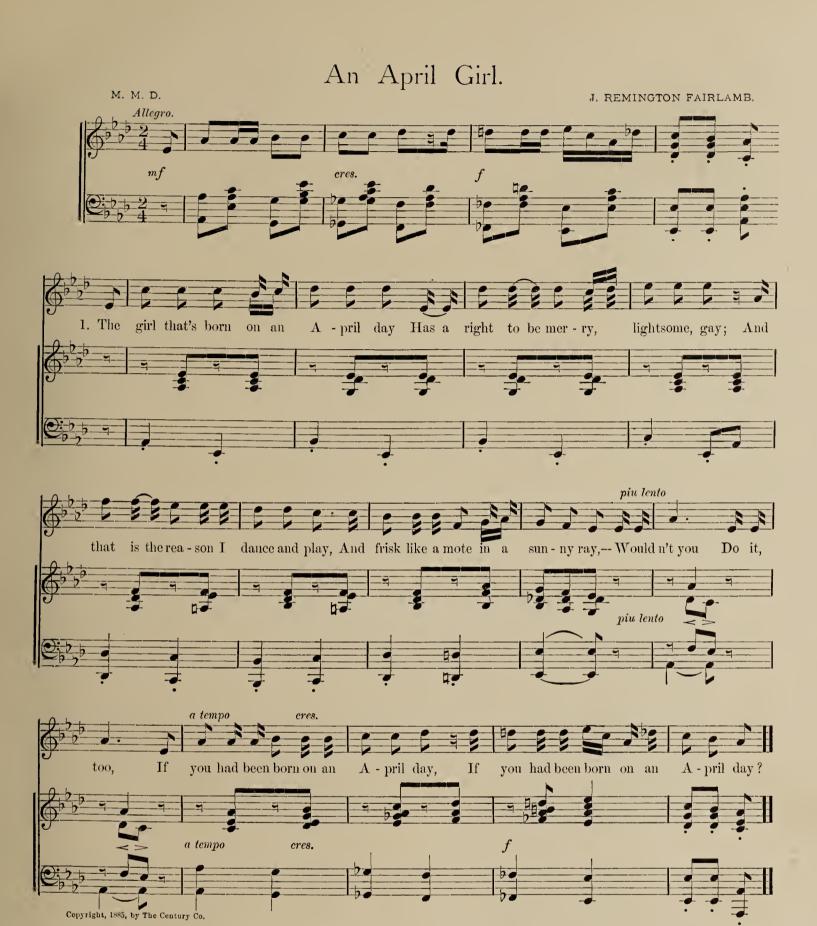






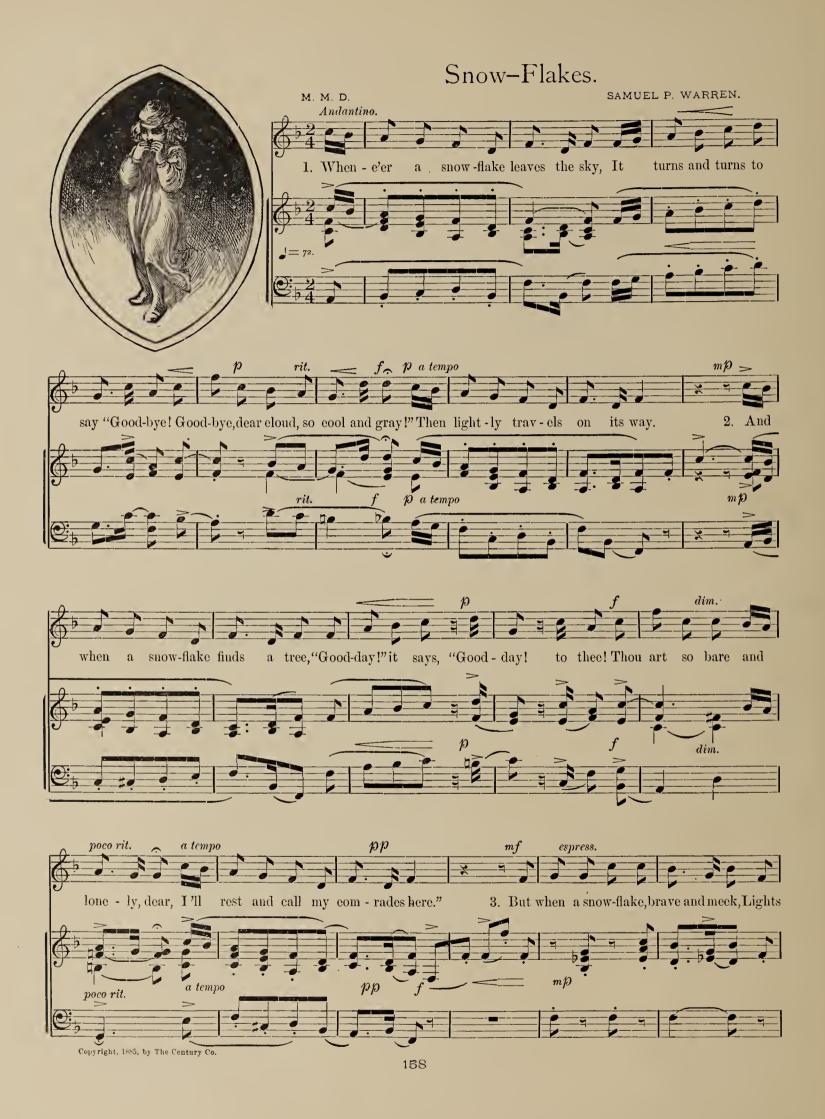


AN APRIL GIRL.



- 2. The girls of March love noise and fray;
  And sweet as blossoms are girls of May;
  But I rejoice in a sunny spray
  Of smiles and tears and hap-a-day,—
  Would n't you
  Do it, too,
  If you had been born on an April day?
- 3. Heigho! hurrah! for an April day,
  Its cloud, its sparkle, its skip and stay!
  I mean to be happy whenever I may,
  And cry when I must; for that's my way.
  Would n't you
  Do it, too,
  If you had been born on an April day?

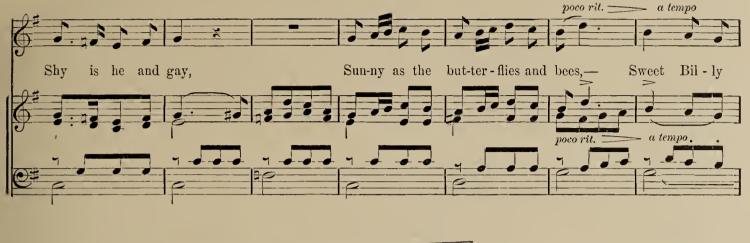


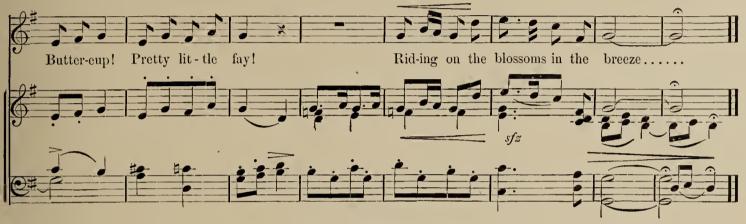






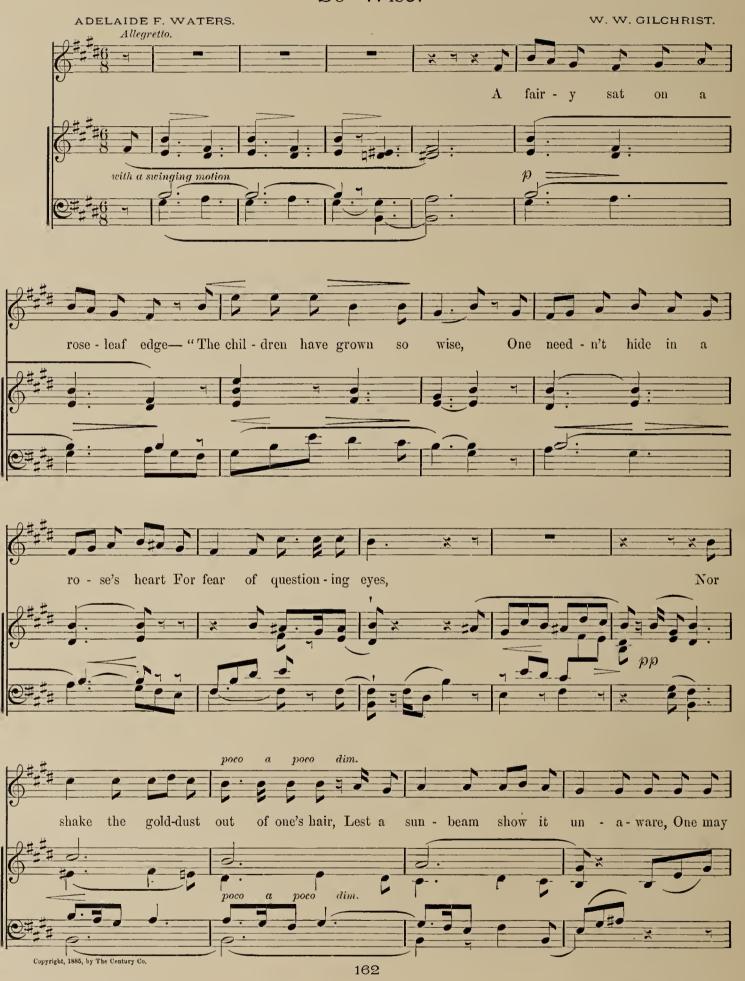


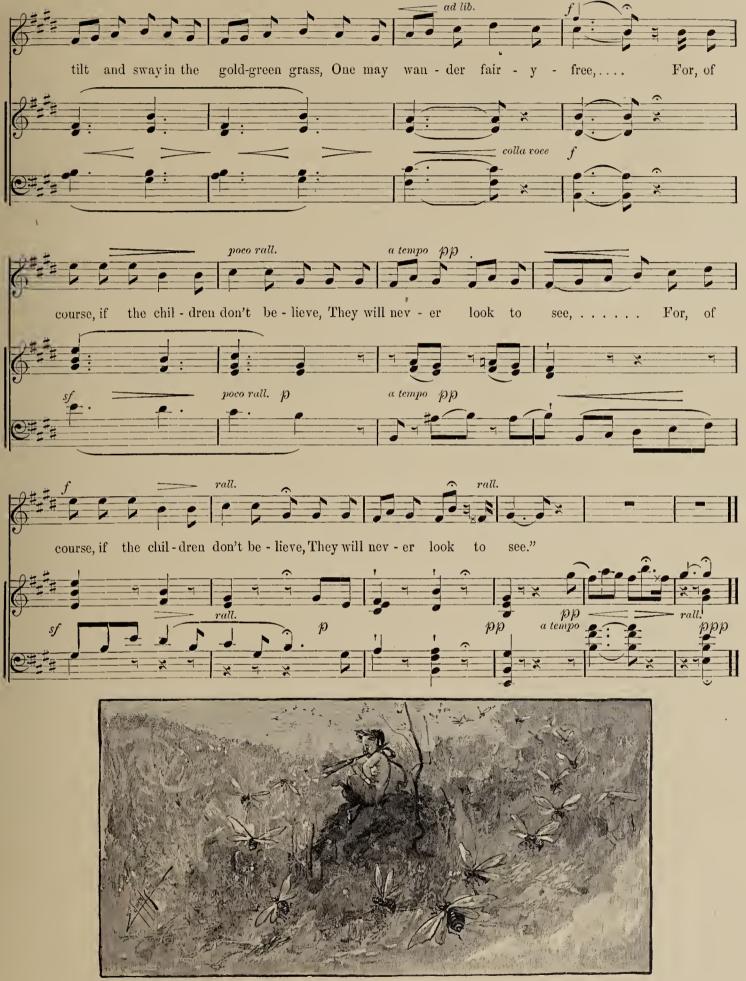


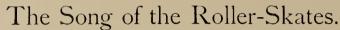


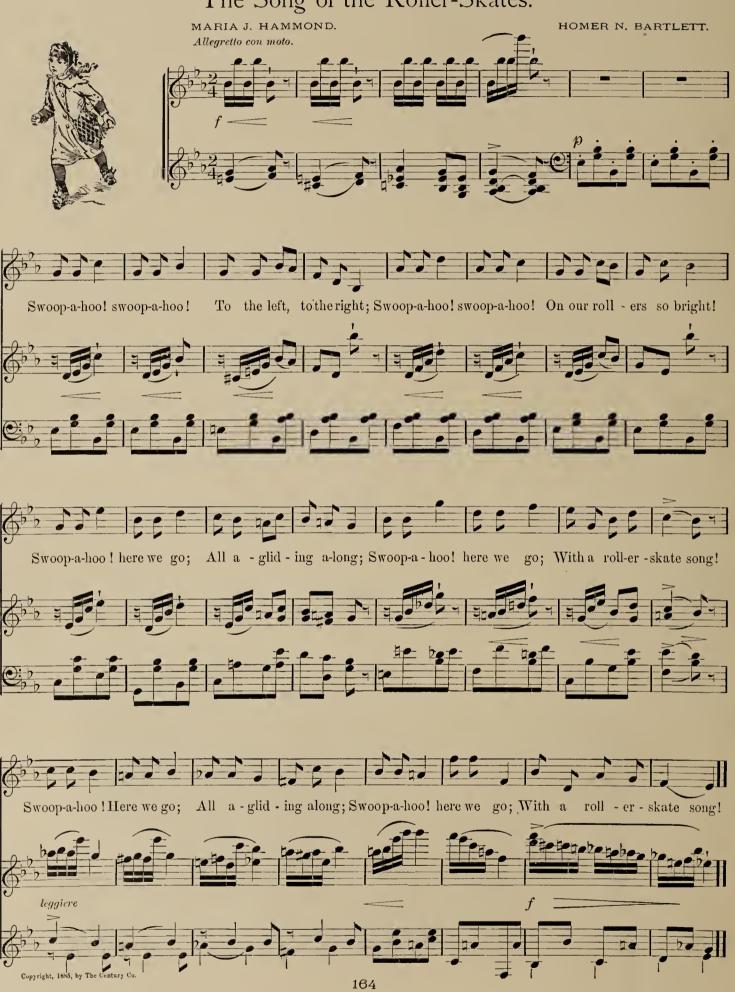


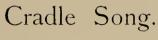
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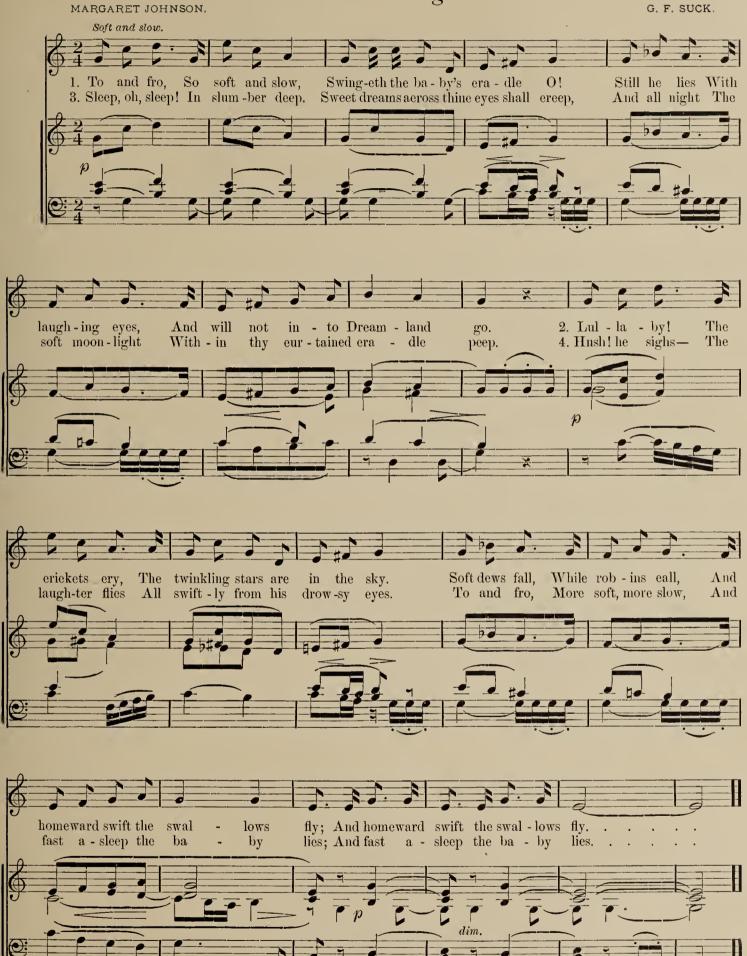


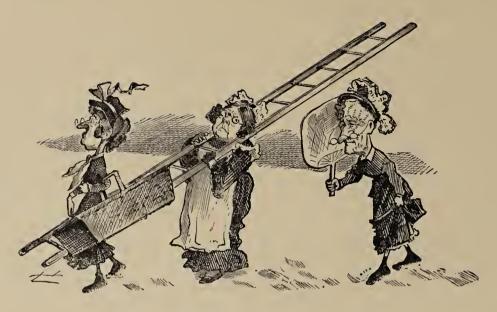




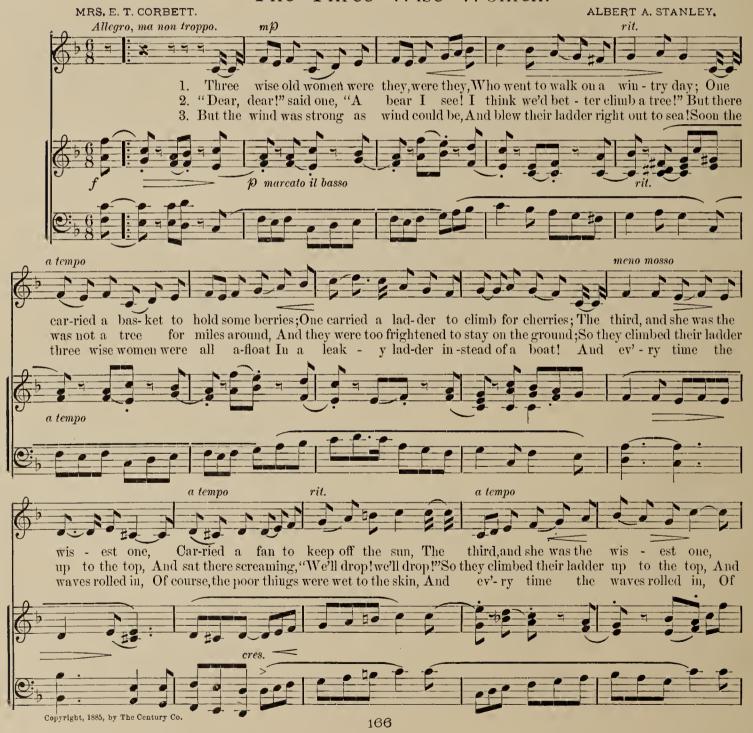


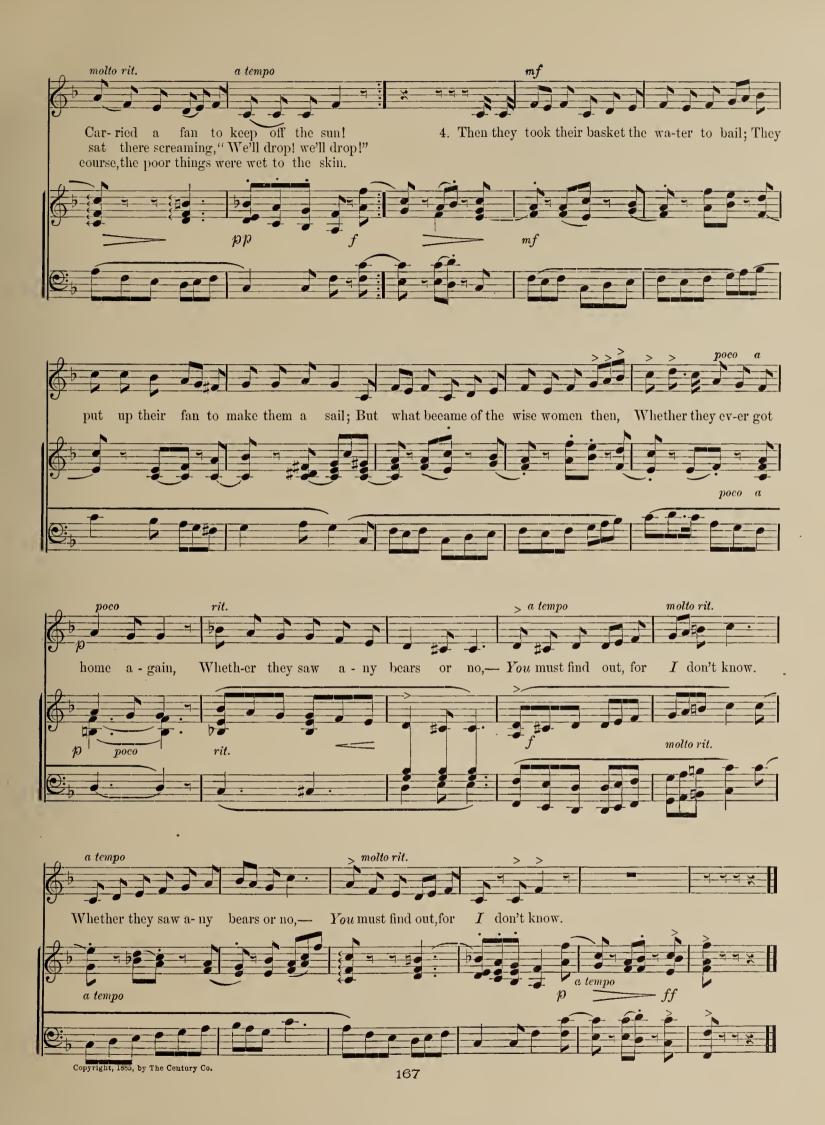




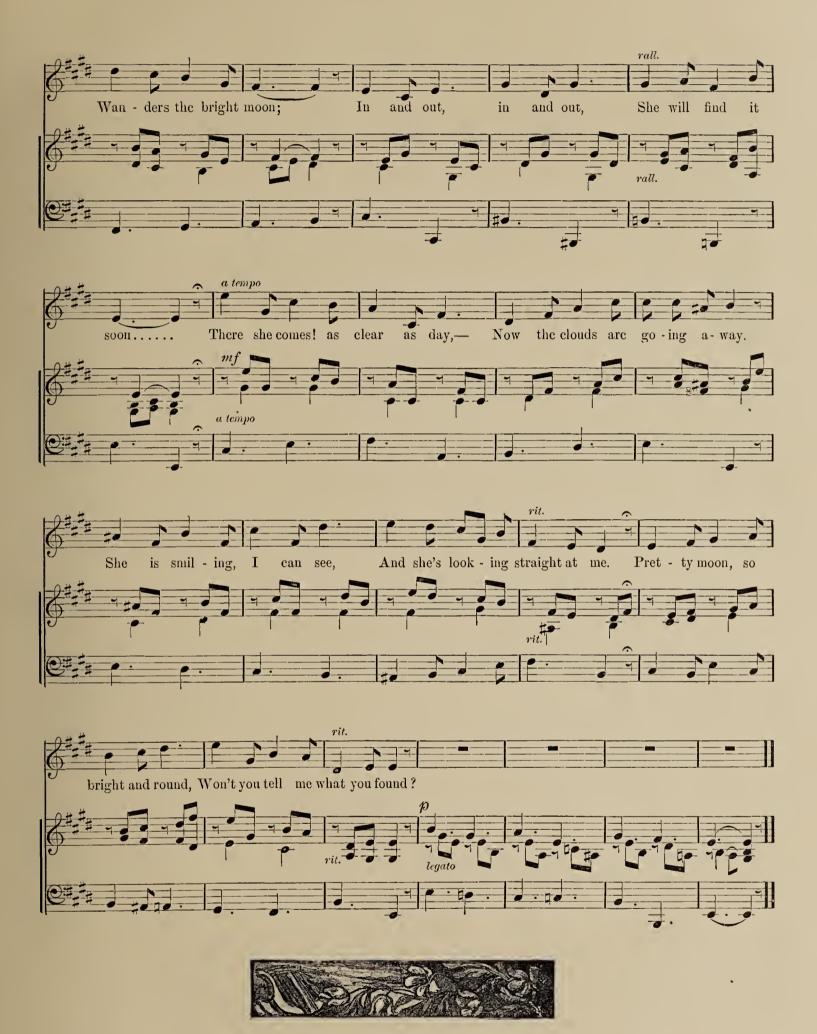






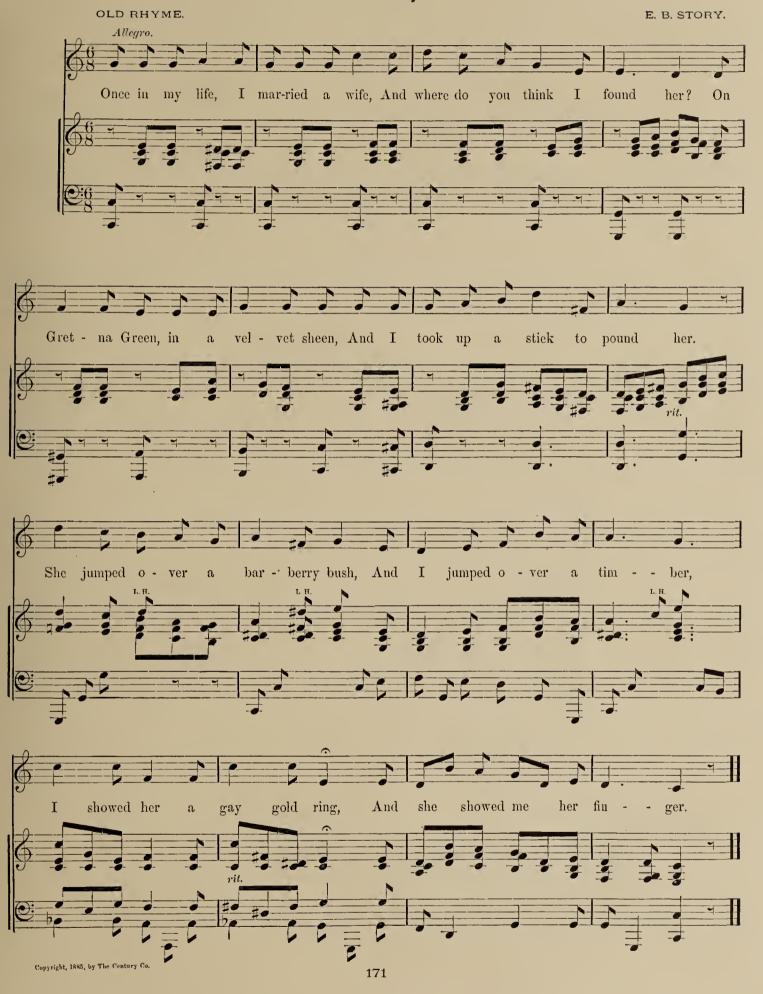


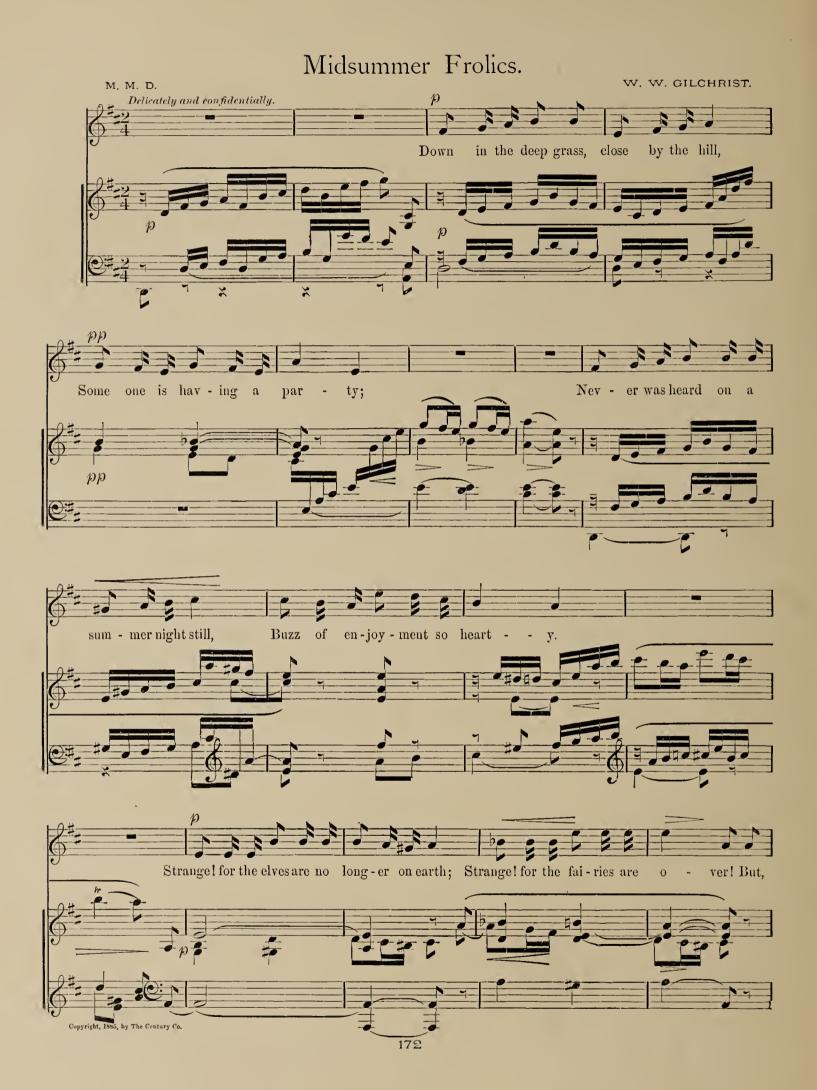


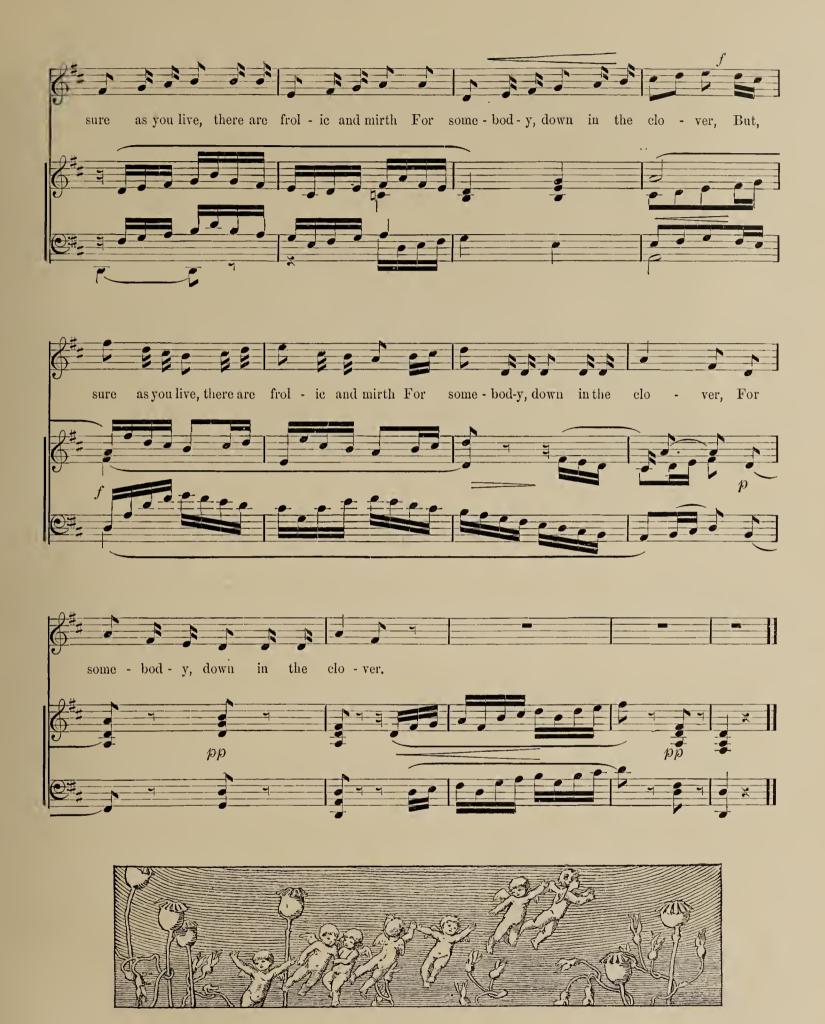




### Once in my life.

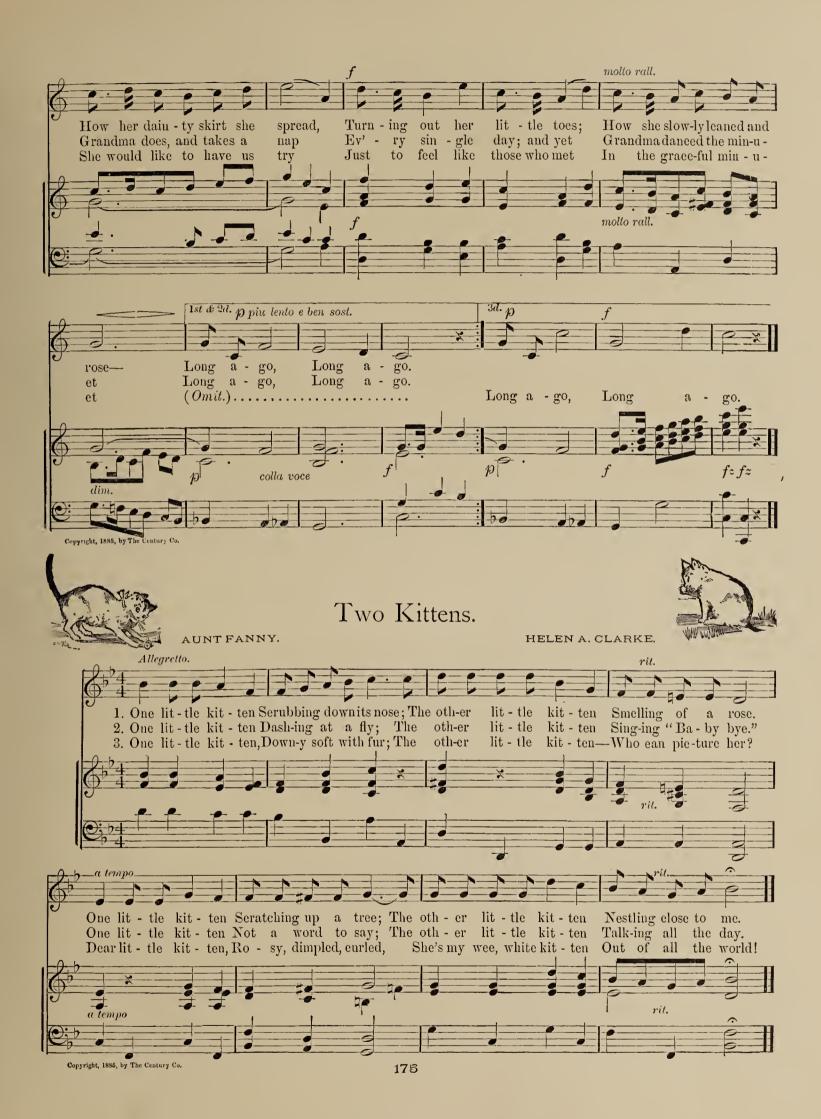




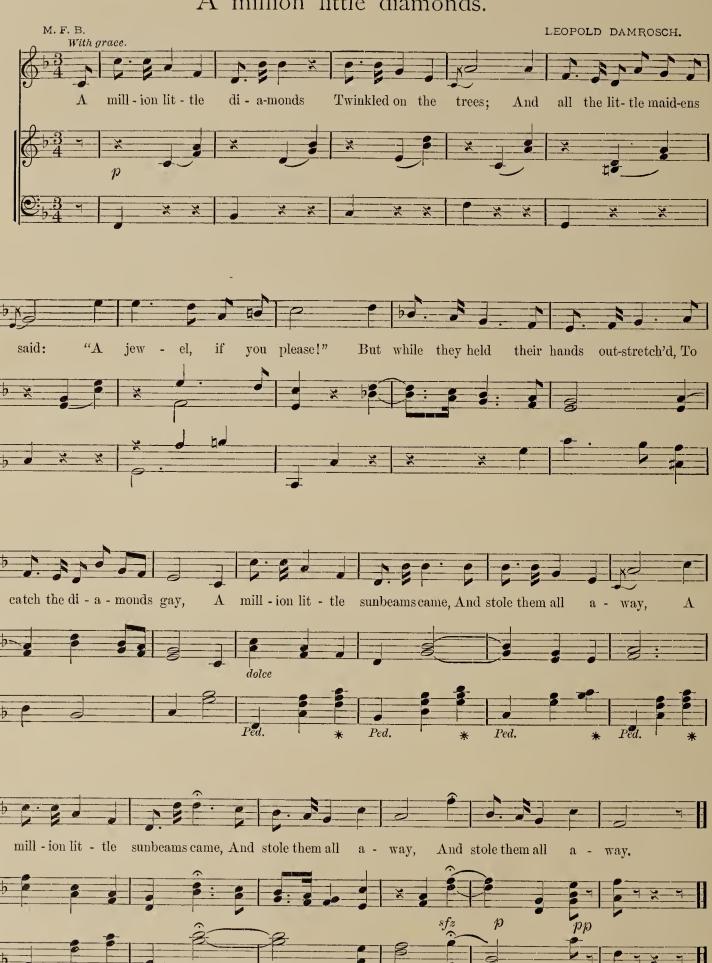








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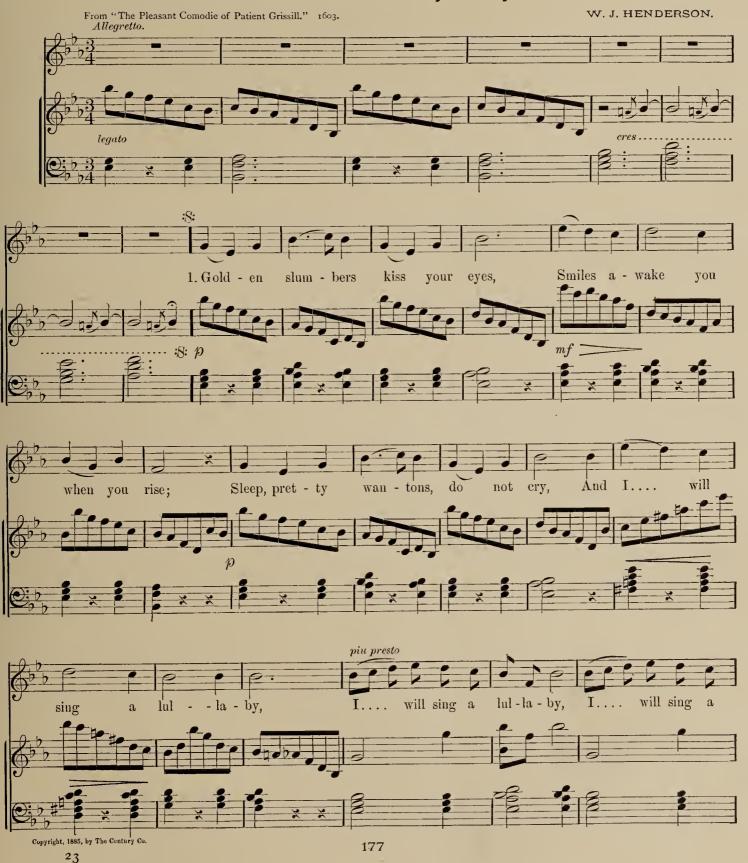


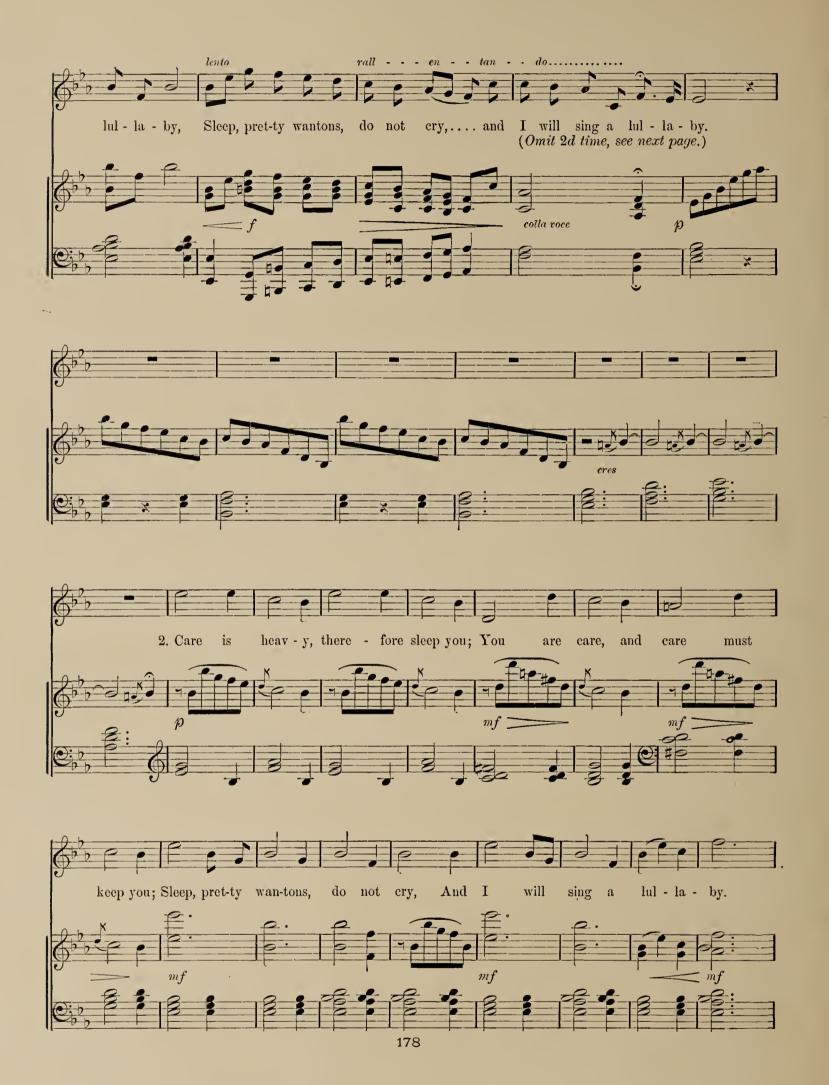
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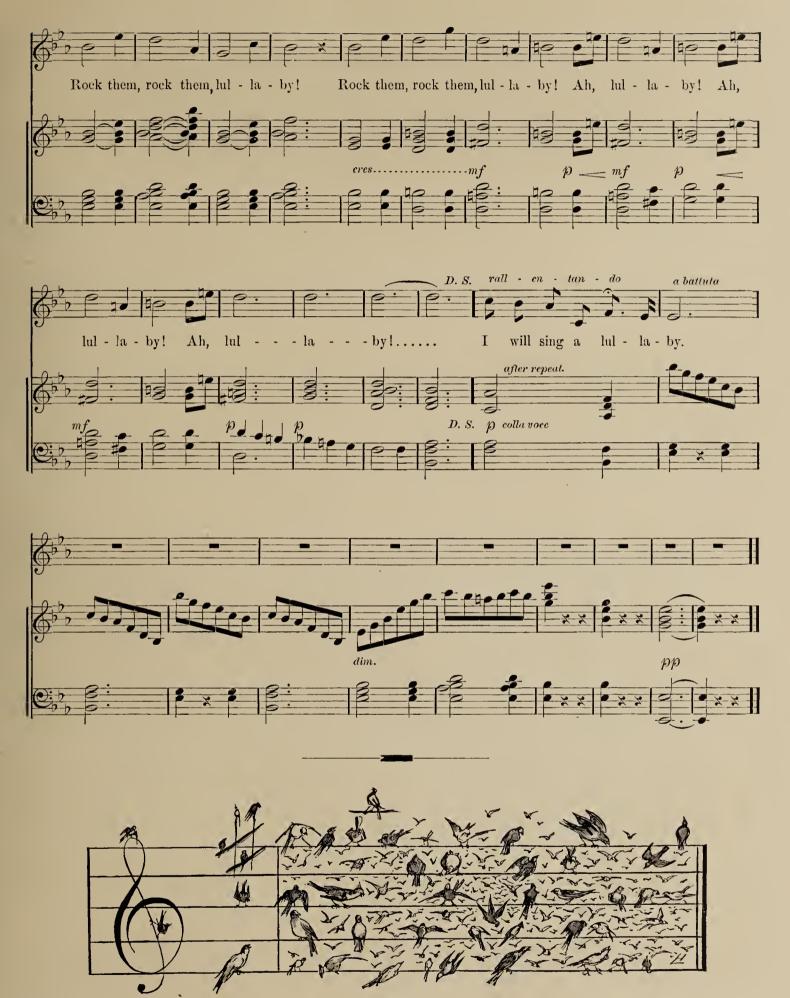
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# Golden slumbers kiss your eyes.

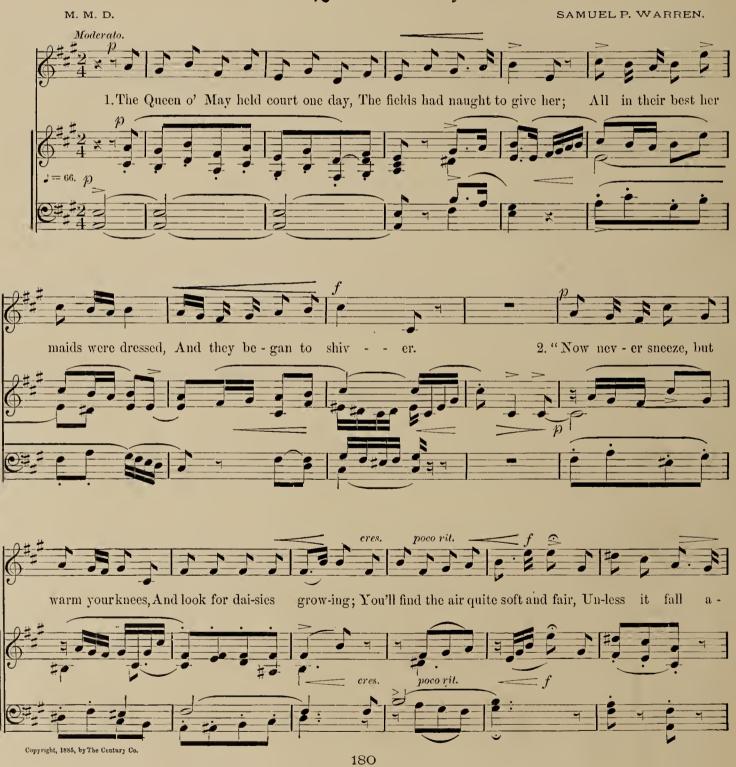


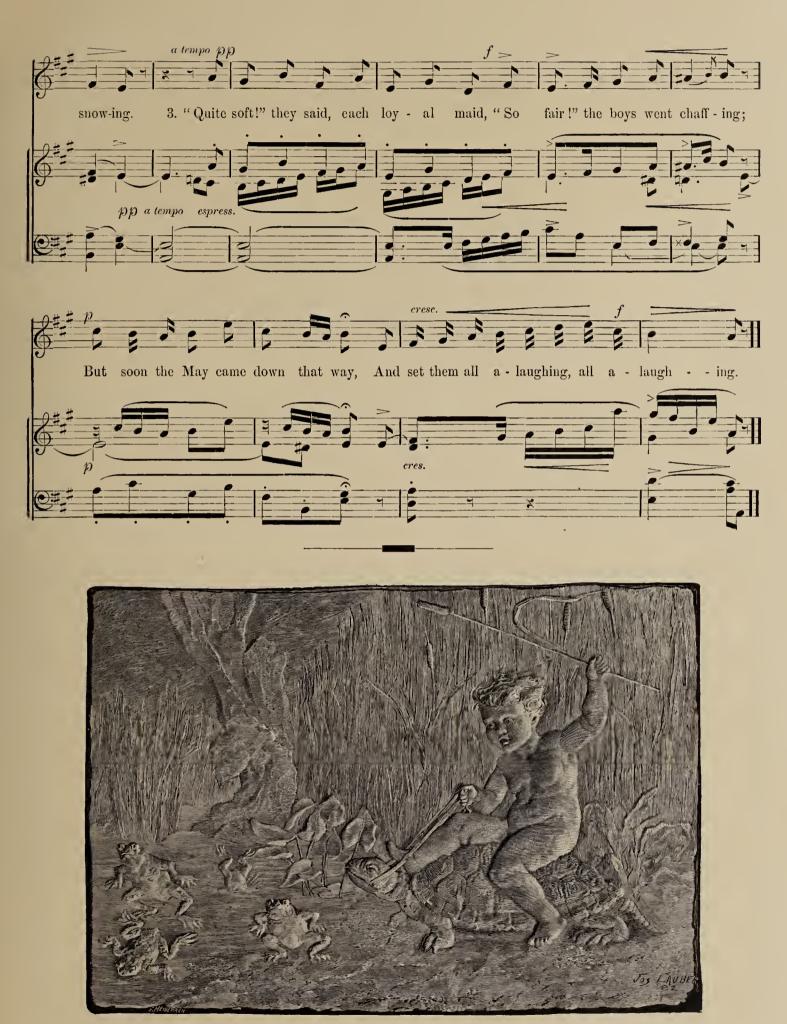






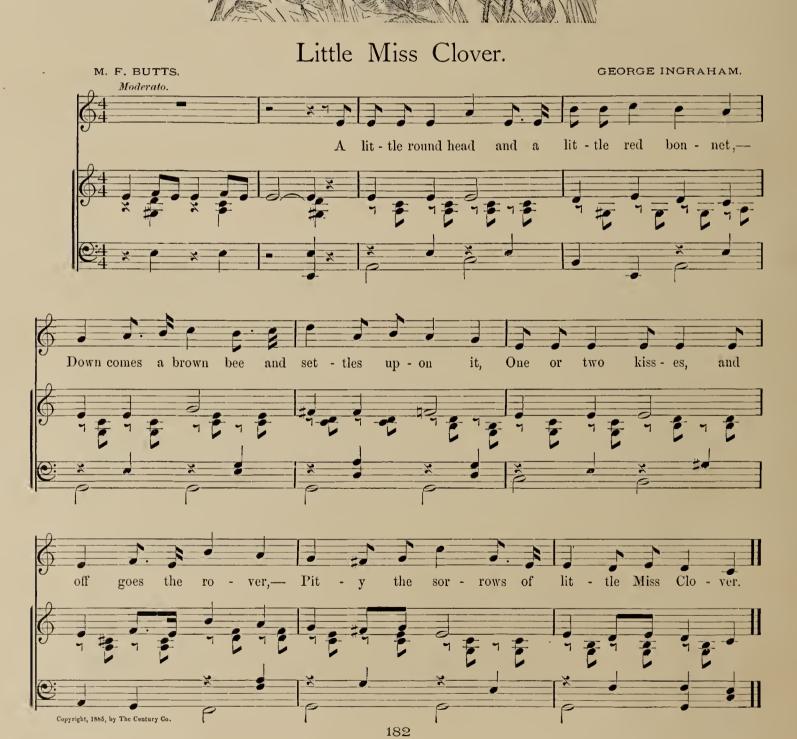
The Queen o' May.



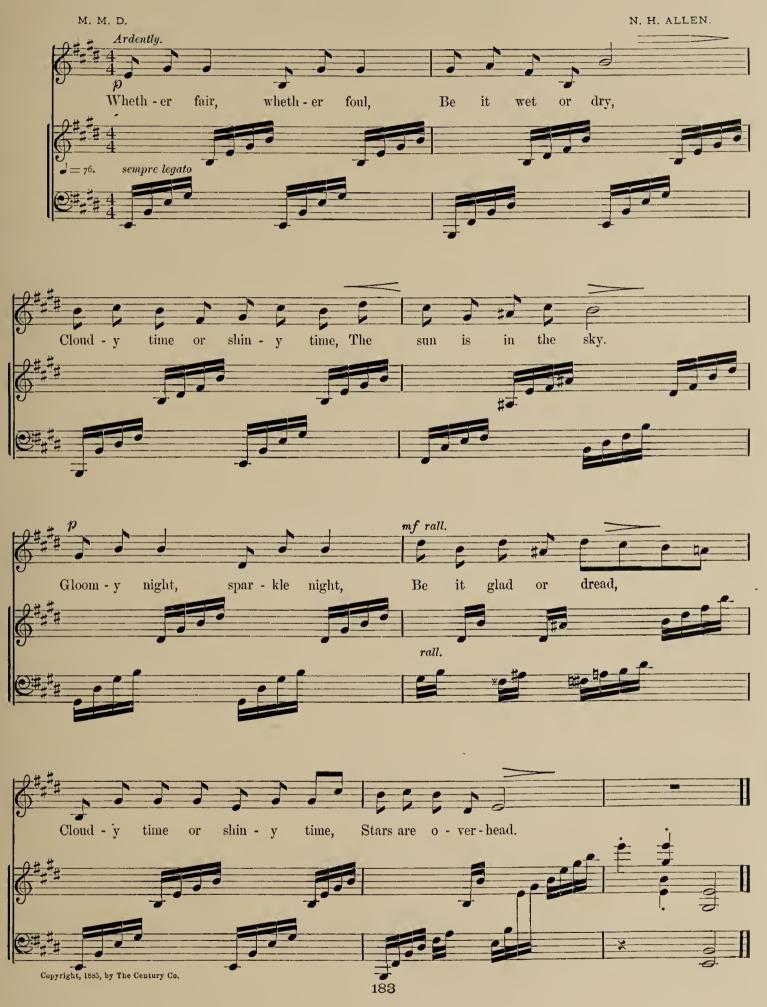


" LOOK OUT THERE!"

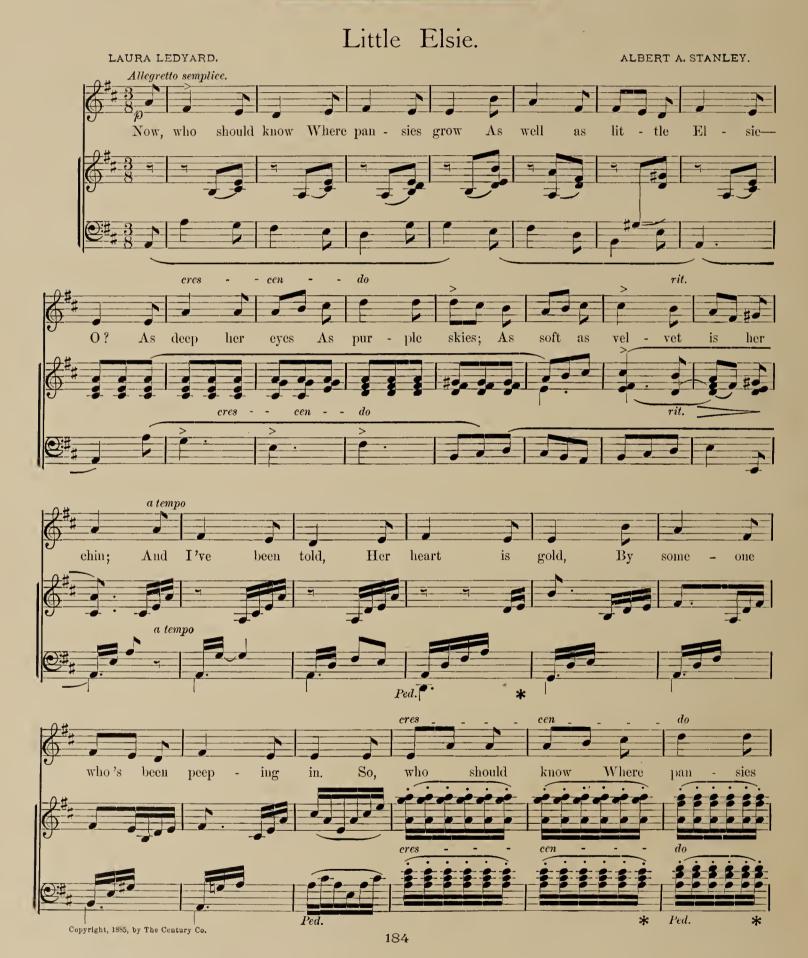


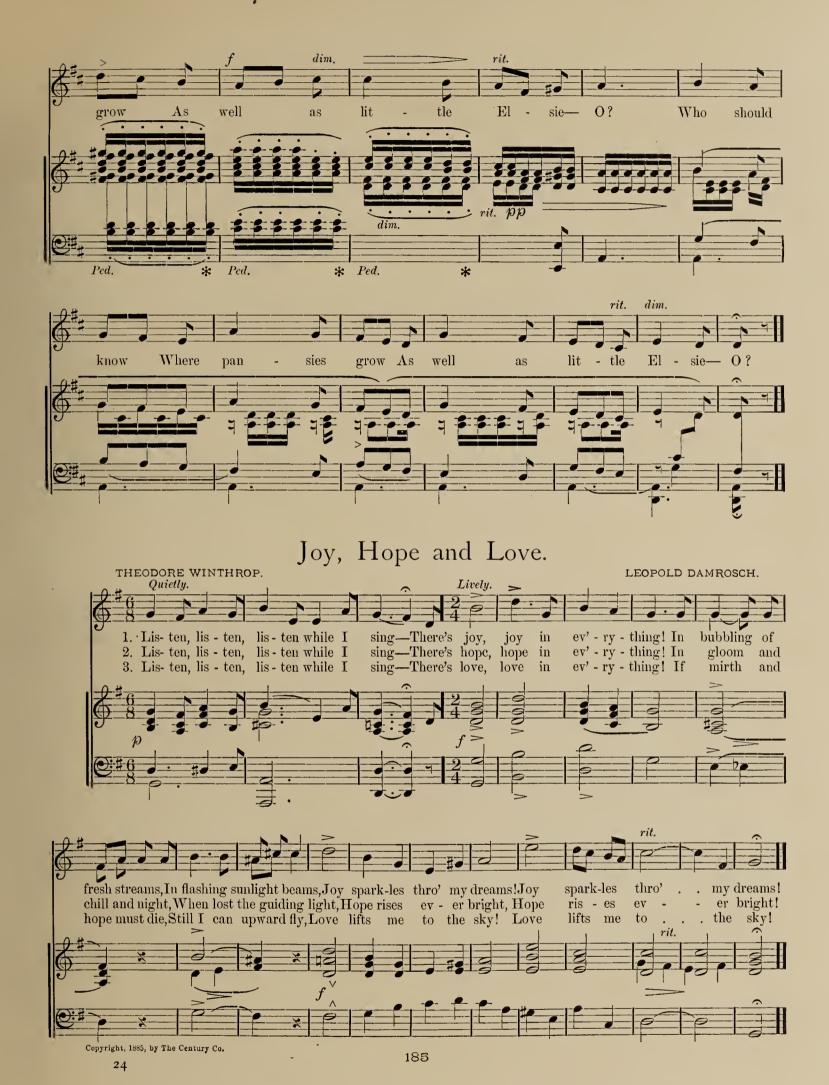


### Clouds and Sunshine.









# Little John Bottlejohn.

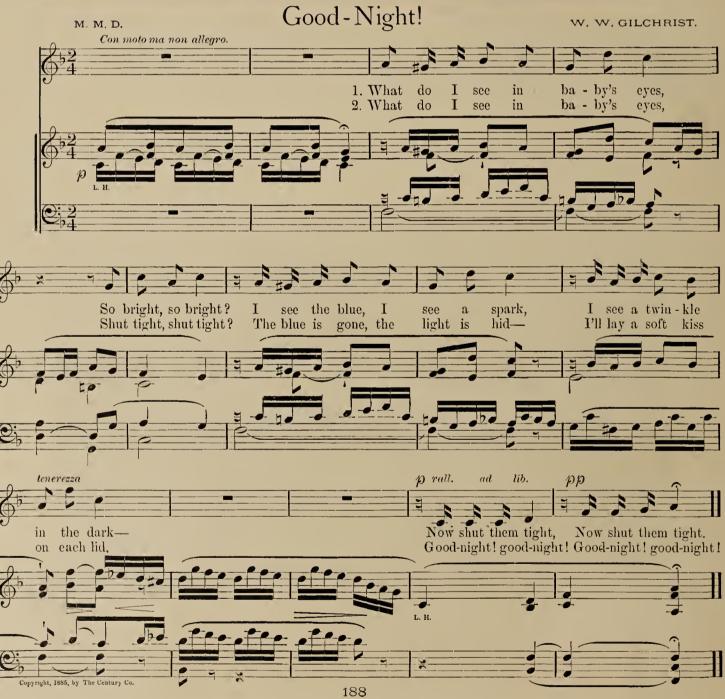


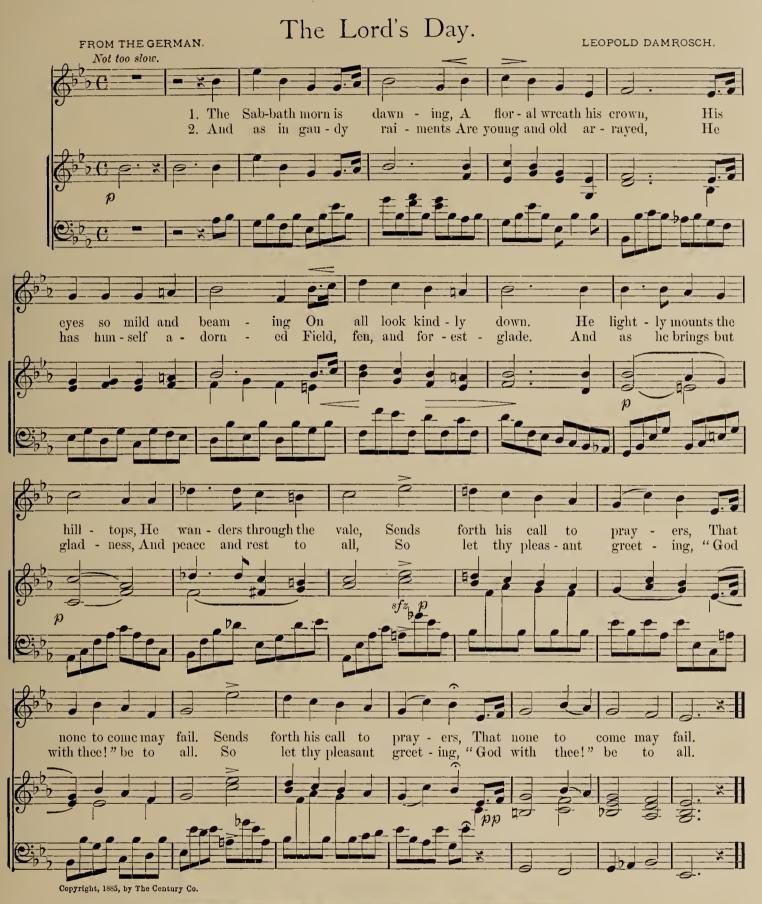


- 3 Little John Bottlejohn made a low bow,
  And the mermaid she made one too,
  And said, "Oh! I never saw anything half
  So perfectly sweet as you,
  Ah, in my home, 'neath the ocean foam,
  How happy we'd both of us be,
  Oh, little John Bottlejohn, pretty John Bottlejohn!
  Won't you come down with me?"
- 4 Little John Bottlejohn answered, "Oh yes,
   I will willingly go with you;
  Nor ever will quail at the sight of your tail,
   For maybe I'll grow one too."
  So he took her hand and left the land,
   And he plunged in the foaming main;
  And little John Bottlejohn, pretty John Bottlejohn,
   Never was seen again.

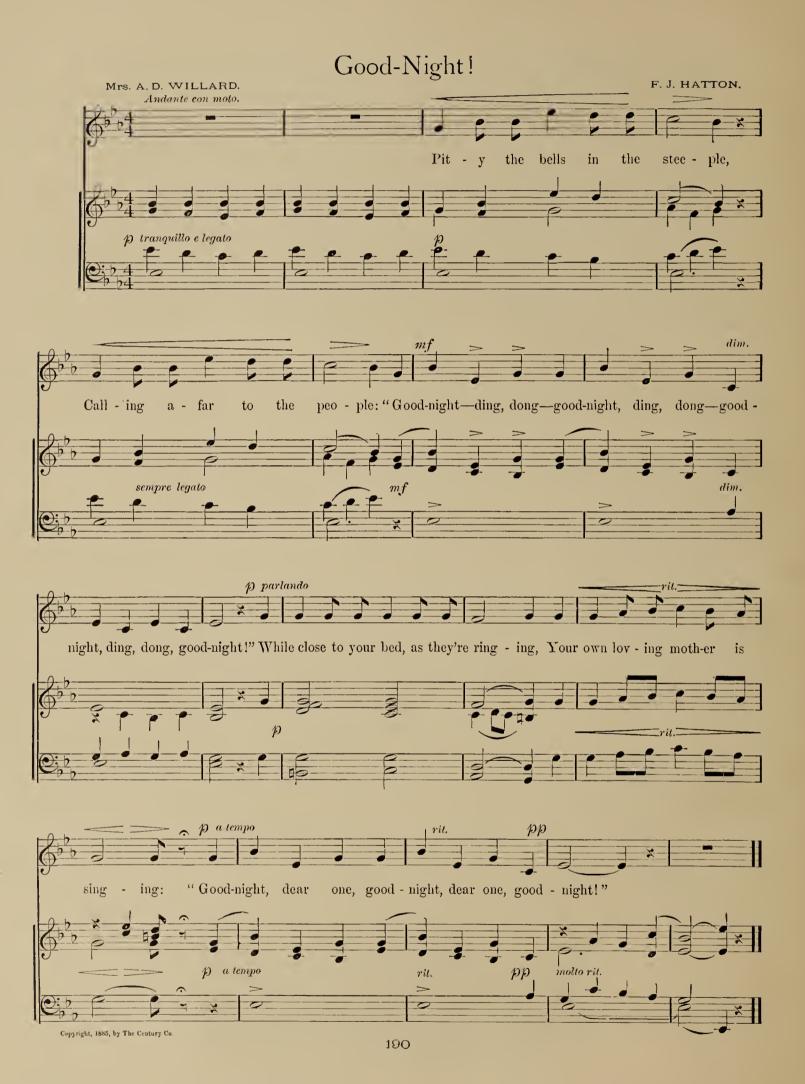
















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